



BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"
--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

21 Oct 89

Winter 1900/01

EUROPE'S POWERS GIRD FOR BATTLE

CLIFFHOME--The final roll call has been met. The Seven are joined. Now is the critical hour in Spiderdom's plan to keep these bipeds down. If we can keep the European powers at each other's throats long enough, we will stifle the political, economic, and thus scientific growth of these bipedal challenges to our supremacy of this galactic sector. We must succeed; we must make the Galaxy safe for Arachnids!

EMBASSY BEAT

WASHINGTON--President Bryan remarked to reporters "The World has entered a dangerous new age now the US and the European Great Powers have all changed administrations almost simultaneously." He also assured us that Americans had nothing to fear from European quarrels.

BORIS PRESS REVIEW

NEW YORK TIMES--The Austro-Hungarian Empire has just announced the elevation of Count Donald von Patrick to the rank of Archduke, commensurate with his governmental function as Foreign Minister and Chief of Internal Security. Meanwhile Queen Victoria has named Lord Sullivan to the post of Minister of State. Both these gentlemen are reputed to be jingoists, so the near term prospects for peace seem dim indeed. Coming so soon after Duce Saunders' overthrow of the infant Italian monarchy, it may be time to start investing in domestic war materiel manufacturers.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: A few good men or women to be alternates for this struggle. Pay is zero, but the satisfaction can be immense. Apply within.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Exactly seven applicants met the 21 Oct deadline so there was no need of a lottery for portfolios. As might be expected, there were two "First Choice" bids for Turkey, but untypically, three for France. The mighty Ms Nar resolved the conflicts with rolls of the die. When the dust finally settled, four of you got your first choice, one got his third, one his fourth and Duce Saunders his last.

A gentle reminder concerning the game fee is in order. The fee is one first class stamp per season to cover postage. How you want to do it is up to you. You may:

- 1) send me a stamp every turn
- 2) send me a book of stamps as required
- 3) send money to cover the postage
- 4) pick up your copy of *Boris* personally and save the stamp
- 5) work it out in trade

REMEMBER: No stampee, no playee. An easy way to go NMR. 'Nuff said.

Boris is indeed looking for alternates. If you have some out of town friends who might like to join in, have them drop me a line.



Alternates get this august journal free while they either submit press or orders should a player go NMR. Note that under the attached Press Rules, their press would have to be limited to neutral countries and the Classifieds.

President Fryling is requested to submit his phone number with his orders for publication in the next *Boris*. Please also state hours when diplomatic conversations will be welcome.

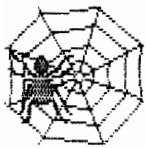
E-Mail devotees should also submit the various ways to contact them with their orders. *Boris* can be contacted as User #118 on Bruce's BBS (904)-862-9558. Plan ahead as new users can't usually send mail until they're "validated". Usually feedback to the SYSOP confessing to be a DIP player will suffice to give you clearance whenever he gets around to granting them (generally within a couple of days).

Yes, there will be Super-Sudsy bombs and Press Excellence Awards again so sharpen your wits and your pencils. Dust off your dictionaries. Learn to type. Prepare to do literary battle with ally and foe alike!

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9 Dec 89

Spring 1901

ITALY & RUSSIA INVADE AUSTRIA!

CLIFFHOME--After months of maneuvering, posturing, declaiming, and political demagogery, it's finally happened, War. The coordinated invasion ignited a wave of conquests of minor countries as the other Powers maneuver for position and economic bases. Our agents have done well in fomenting the present crisis. According to our Glorious Chief Bug's Master Plan, this war should keep these bipeds too occupied to get their space act together. This sector of the Galaxy will be ours!

EMBASSY BEAT

ANKARA--On the eve of the Muslim New Year, the supreme scientific counsel has announced that they have increased the efficiency over present methods of generating the toxic gas phosgene. Chief counsel states that the overall efficiency of the reaction has been increased by a nominal 35%. Counsel assured press present that there is no intention by the government to use the deadly chemical for any real purpose and that this progress is for the scientific good. Chief Counsel, Shiek Ali Marter announced an all-out program to dispose of all produced phosgene. Marter also described a new all-out program to develop a toluene-based propellant for use in the traditional fireworks displays during the weeklong Muslim New Year festivities.

BERLIN--William II, Kaiser since 1890, stepped down today in favor of his cousin William Edwin Wilson now Kaiser William III. In a speech on the steps of the Reichstag William III began a "New Wilhelminische Era" by addressing a cheering crowd. The new Kaiser stated that now Germany would truly find itself "a place in the sun." He called for a move toward democracy, improved colonial policies, and a curb on Prussian militaristic tendencies. On Europe, the Kaiser called for the stop of the belligerent rumblings coming from several European capitals. For Germany's part, he vowed to end German settlement on the Eastern Marches, otherwise known as Poland and start a new era of understanding between the Prussian and Polish people and that this is "only a start." Ending his speech the Kaiser said, "Truly, with the dawn of a new era in Germany may there also be a new dawn in Europe."

In other news, it was confirmed by the government that William II stepped down due to strong opposition from the bureaucracy. He is taking an extended vacation in Cameroon.

BERLIN (Foreign Ministry)--It has come to the Kaiser's attention that Sweden has called for protection from certain outside forces that wish to impose a culture quite different from their Germanic Heritage. The Kaiser and the German people urge the Swedish people to defend themselves, but Germany cannot make a foray across the Baltic. However, We urge any forces considering such action contact the Kaiser, c/o Foreign Ministry Building, Alexanderplatz, Berlin.

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BERN--The Lowenbrau facility for political prisoners suffered severe damage in an unprecedented earthquake last week. The wall which surrounded the prison almost completely collapsed allowing the majority of the prisoners to escape. All persons should be on the lookout for the prisoners--they can be recognized by their eager purchase of any type of consumer goods.

PARIS--With the outbreak of war throughout Europe the French government finds itself compelled to protect its interests abroad and has ordered all army and naval forces to action. Especially of concern are outbreaks of terrorism against French nationals in the Iberian peninsula. These actions cannot be allowed to continue and will be dealt with quickly by our forces. The French government also wishes to express our support for the naval forces of the British empire in their efforts to secure freedom for their northern neighbors and for the Austrian and Italian forces who seek to stem the Turkish onslaught in the south. Neither the expansionist Russian hordes nor the barbarian Turks should be allowed to subjugate the world with their tyranny. The civilized European nations must unite against them!

VIENNA--Donald, Duke of Lippizan, newly appointed Prime Minister, announced today he plans an official inspection tour of the Far East to increase the understanding between the people of the Austro-Hungarian and Asian empires. Key on the list will be stops in Tokyo, Seoul, Manilla, Honolulu, and Fort Walton. When asked about the obscure backwater on the American peninsula, the Minister replied, "I foresee a day when great forces with blue flags will clash over this piece of real estate. Besides, Christmas is coming, and I hear the bargains in nick nacks and white sand are not to be missed."

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

MUSLIM SCIENCE MONITOR--The royal Turkish press minister has announced that the Most Exalted Grand Sultan is actively seeking his fourth wife. Although he was presented royal concubines, wenches and other village harlots, His Exaltedness Sultan Ali Pete has been sending representatives to the major metropolitan areas of the empire to search for his next wife. Looking for a female to increase the royal gene pool, women are being sought from Ankara, Constantinople, and Yerevan.

ROMAN TIMES--Today amidst a thunderous standing ovation, *Il Duce* announced the French/Italian Non-Aggression Pact. When asked if Italy could actually trust the current French government, *Il Duce* replied, "Of course, especially since President Fryling has Italian blood in him. His father was Italian, and before he immigrated to France his name was Frylinguini. He is really one of us."

VENICE DISPATCH--In anticipation of armed conflict in the *Mare Nostrum*, *Il Duce* has begun the call up of trained reservists into the Navy. No hints at who the possible adversaries are were forthcoming.

CLASSIFIEDS

Boris to Sultan Ali Pete: While you can pick whatever titles you wish, methinks you mean "Exalted", meaning "elevated in rank, power,

honor, etc" rather than "Exhalted", meaning either "breathed (spat?) out" or "stopped from".

Boris to *ll Duce*: You actually trust a guy who's nickname is Wormtongue?

The Black Sea always has been, is now, and always will be Turkish territory!

Internet EMail Address for Austria-Hungary: dlp@pro-lep.cts.com

Q: How do you get dragon milk?

A: From a cow with short legs!

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes jointly this season to the authors of the Bern and Vienna articles.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Sultan Ali Pete for being "exhalted" to use a dictionary!

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: "Frank and explicit"--that is the right line to take when you wish to conceal your own mind and confuse the mind of others.
--Disraeli

This is the first issue of *Boris* to be produced using APPLEWORKS, all previous issues were produced using MAGIC WINDOW II. The switch will allow more facile transfer of info to and from the modem and allow the use of 3.5" disks as a storage medium.

Address changes: Please consult the new roster on page 4. Remember, France has requested that if you call, only call between 0700 and 2100 hrs MST (that's 7 AM to 9 PM for you civilian types).

A gentle reminder to those of you who have yet to ante up the game fee. Also remember that players are not authorized to write articles datelined within another player's control.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Bud, F Tri-Alb;
ENGLAND: A Lpl-Yor, A Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth;
FRANCE: A Mar-Spa, A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mid;
GERMANY: A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh, F Kie-Den;
ITALY: A Rom-Ven, A Ven-Trl, F Nap-Ion;
RUSSIA: A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal, F Sev-Rum, F StP(sc)-Bot;
TURKEY: A Con-Bul, A Smy H, F Ank-Con.

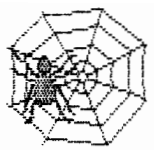
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14 Jan 90

Fall 1901

RUSSIAN STEAMROLLER FALTERS!

MINAS MORGUL--The expected Russian blitz of Austria has fizzled due to bad guesswork and to a surprise Austrian-supported attack by Turkey on the Tsar's southern fleet. Now it's the Tsar that looks to be in trouble while his erstwhile ally *Il Duce* can only be licking his chops, contemplating the Balkan spoils. Prime Minister Sullivan's faulty cable has proven a source of riches for President Fryling, but can the latter recover from the PR disaster caused by his premature press releases? What will *Il Duce's* reaction be to a spanking new French fleet in MAR? What would Whitehall's reaction be to a fleet raised in Murmansk? Can an Austro-Turkish alliance survive, much less prosper? Can an Anglo-German alliance contain a resurgent Republic?

EMBASSY BEAT

ANKARA--The sultan, by popular support of the people of the Empire, has declared the recent invasion of RUM by the Russians an act of indignity. The sultan has attempted to reach the various peoples of the Russian and Rumanian empires to listen to the reasoning behind the published works of Karl Marx.

Mr Marx, whom is currently in London, declares that all capitalist nations of the world will eventually succumb to his theory of Marxism. Perhaps the people of the land will listen to his teachings and demand the Czar release the people of Rumania to free rule.

All attempts by the empire to reach the czar were met with denial and a staunch statement by the Russian government that the Rumanians are and of right, ought to be ruled by the Czar.

ANKARA--From the royal palace in Ankara, his most exalted highness, Sultan Ali Pete, has ordered the most timely execution of the royal press minister for charges of disloyalty, pilfering and unlawful carnal knowledge as well as being a lousy speller and for just plain being nasty.

For this most auspicious occasion, the sultan charged the society of the royal order of the razor back with the task of building, testing and using the razor back for future executions.

On Monday, September 1, the former press minister rode down the razor in a most honorable, expeditious fashion after praying to Allah. It is hoped that this example will demonstrate the Sultan's demand for perfection and the utmost cooperation from all his peoples. This also demonstrates his power in his given title as ruler for life.

BERLIN--The Kaiser insists upon the disbanding or withdrawal of the Russian Northern Fleet. An enemy navy so close to the vital parts of Germany, i.e., Scandanavia, is intolerable.

BRUSSELS--King Leopold II announced today the successful repulsion of invading British forces. The British ambassador reportedly told the King that since almost every other country had controlled BEL at some time or the other they thought it was rightfully their turn. Such sword rattling by the British government combined with the small size of the Belgian defence forces prompted a call for French aid. After



sending the British forces packing the French army immediately withdrew and our nation is once again at peace.

BUDAPEST--War bells rang out as news of the joint Russo-Italian attack spread through this Austrian province. Donald, Duke of Lippizan and newly-appointed minister of foreign affairs, called upon the great powers of Europe to stand by Austria in this dire hour. "We shall fight them on the beaches. We shall fight them in the mountains. We shall fight them for our children!" exclaimed the Duke in a moving speech punctuated by raising a young girl up out of the crowds. As the throngs cheered, the Duke passed the girl to a security guard to return the child to her parents. Unfortunately for the guard, the child was not pleased with all the manhandling and slapped the guard several times before her mother, Mrs. Gabor of 212 Ringstrasse, could claim her.

PARIS--The Foreign Ministry declared 2 British diplomats *persona non grata* and gave them 48 hours to leave the country. The diplomats reportedly relayed French troop movement information to London in flagrant violation of existing treaties. The Ministry also issued a statement condemning the attempted invasion of BEL but stated that if the British government would stop taking such an aggressive approach to the mainland that there is no reason for further hostility between the two governments.

PARIS--The First Family announced today that the First Lady is once again with child. The First Siblings, Amy and Christopher, are too young to have any comments regarding the forthcoming child but M President is excited about the prospect of another loyal party member.


ST PETERSBURG--Do to irreconcilable differences between Sweden and Germany, Sweden has asked us to help them in the fight to stay independent. This was duely accepted as we believe that the best defence is fighting in somebody elses country so it can be bombed, pillaged, sacked, and laid waste to, insted of ours.

ST PETERSBURG--Our scientists are working frantically for a cranial birth mark remover. It is hoped that if we ever get a Zahr with a cranial birth mark, that it will cut through it like 409 cuts through greece also good for liver spots.

ST PETERSBURG--Hope everybody had a merry christmass even though we don't believe in such capitalistic bourgeois affairs.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE TIMES--After an admission by the Turkish government as to their possession of chemical weapons, the world has been outraged by the possibility that these weapons may be used on the European community. General consensus seems to indicate that the international community desires eradication of these chemicals in a timely manner. Turkish officials stated that the chemicals produced are a result of Turkish scientific progress and that there is no likely future in this type of armament. In the words of the scientific


counsel, "Read our lip's--We abhor and do not condone the use of chemical weapons, no way--no how!!"

WASHINGTON POST--A recent article in the *International Defense Times* opined that "the world has been outraged by the possibility that these (chemical) weapons may be used on the European community." Ha! The *Times* is flagrantly wallowing in Eurocentrism. The peoples of the Americas (Canada and a few islands excluded) couldn't care a fig if the corrupt and tottering European Empires mutually poison each other. Indeed, one suspects that many a subject race of these Empires would thank their various gods and take up arms to sweep away their decadent colonial masters.

CLASSIFIEDS

Overheard in Paris: I may be a dish of pasta but I still hate Italian food.

DF to PS- You're toast!!

Join the ITALY HATERS, a club that hates Italy + things Italian, especially its little fascist dictator. Chapters currently in these cities: Massawa, Adowa, Modadishu, Tripoli, + Benghazi. Look for new chapters in Vienna, Tunis, + Paris soon.

SAP to GM-- Thanks for your time and patience!! It is most appreciated.

Top Price Paid! Russian Sable and Italian Mink wanted. Extra bounty if still worn on respective soldier. Leopold's Taxidermy, Austria.

Sultan baby, I volunteer to be in your harem--just get me out of here. I want a real man. Madam S., Rome

Austria to mumbles-- Beware!!

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Awards for Press Excellence go this season to Duke Donald for his article datelined Budapest and, in an especial award, to Sultan Ali Pete for the first article datelined Ankara, for "as fine an example of diplomatic babble as has ever appeared in these pages."

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Tsar (Czar? Zahr?) Rezzarday for his first two articles datelined St Petersburg. 409 really cuts through Greece, huh!??

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: A Diplomat's life is made up of three ingredients: Protocol, Geritol, and alcohol. --Adlai E. Stevenson

This time there were just too many horribly spelled words for me to try to correct them all. Players are advised to consult a dictionary often when writing Press. I'm not a 5th grade teacher, nor is Ms Nar!

Players are advised to please honor the deadline. I may not be so lenient next time. Nothing can screw up a game like having four or five NMRs in a turn. 'Nuff said.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: *A Bud S TUR A Bul-Rum, A Ser S TUR A Bul-Rum, F Alb-Gre;*
ENGLAND: *A Yor H(u), F Nth C A Yor-Bel(nso), F Nwg-Nwy;*
FRANCE: *A Bur-Bel, A Spa-Por, F Mid-Spa(sc);*
GERMANY: *A Kie-Den, A Ruh-Hol, F Den-Bal;*
ITALY: *A Trl-Tri, A Ven S A Trl-Tri, F Ion-Tun;*
RUSSIA: *A Bal-Bud, A Ukr-Bal, F Bot-Swe, F Rum H(r-???);*
TURKEY: *A Bul-Rum, A Smy-Arm, F Con-Bla.*

Orders in italics fail; d = unit destroyed for lack of retreat; nso = unit not so ordered; nsu = no such unit; ota = supported unit on the move, r-??? = unit must retreat or disband; u = unordered. Russian F RUM must either retreat to SEV or disband. Builds may be conditional on F Rum's decision.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, -Tri, Vie, +Gre, +Ser	(4)	Build 1
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, +Nwy	(4)	Build 1
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, +Bel, +Por, +Spa	(6)	Build 3
GER:	Ber, Kie, Mun, +Den, +Hol	(5)	Build 2
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, +Tri, +Tun	(5)	Build 2
RUS:	Mos, Sev, StP, War, +Swe	(5)	Build 1*
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, +Rum	(4)	Build 1

* If F RUM disbands rather than retreats, then Russia can build two.

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11 Feb 90

Winter 1901/02

Brits Cry Foul!

MURKWOOD--The European Powers are eagerly "girding their loins" and mobilizing for a (supposedly) swift end to the present conflict. Already things are SNAFU. The coordinated Anglo-French feint on BEL fell apart when the Brits couldn't get their Tommies out of the pubs and bawdy houses in time to sail, leaving French Pres Fryling with an unexpected prize and PR egg all over his face. British PM Lord Sullivan is now protesting to the newly formed, and presently in flight, World Court to adjudicate their secret agreement. Since we control the Court, his prospects are dim. The Italo-Russian attack on Austria crumbled through lack of coordination and an unlikely Austro-Turkish alliance. Things are going smashingly! The Chief Bug will be pleased.

EMBASSY BEAT

BUCHAREST--Amidst the cheering throngs of well-wishers, do-gooders and generally nice people, the Turkish liberation army proudly marched into Bucharest to remove the Russian puppet government that had left the Rumanian economy economically tailspin to the bottom of the financial empires.

"The gratitude of the Rumanian people will forever exist toward the Ottomans", stated the populous leader Zech Ermakiak. Dr. Ermakiak will be installed as the new president next week after a free election decided that Dr. Ermakiak should be president. After he selects his new cabinet, the newly installed free congress will seek to ratify his appointments.

Dr. Ermakiak also stated that he hopes that Czar Rezzarday will find an amiable solution to repair any and all damages that he inflicted upon his people including monetary, philatelic, artistic thievery and personal punishments against the freedom fighters that he had so cruelly imprisoned during the Russian occupation.

CONSTANTINOPLE--His Royal Highness and Semi-Demi-Godness, the Sultan Ali Pete, has taken the time of year to move to his winter palace near the Mediterranean. With a splendid view of the countryside and the waters of the South, he will remain there for the winter months. All of the Sultan's peoples (that is pipples for you Paul!! -ed.) are pleased to have his Most Graciousness here for the upcoming and most prosperous season.

PARIS--The government announced today that the pullout of French forces from BEL should be complete within the next couple of months. Currently the French forces comprise 10,000 men who were required to remain behind in order to help the Belgian government restore order. President Fryling indicated that all our forces should be home by the end of the spring. It is readily apparent that the decision to bring the forces home was strongly promoted by public opinion since the President's party dropped 8 percentage points in the polls since our forces were first committed to aid the Belgians. With the upcoming elections the President will need to be very careful in his international relations if he hopes to survive in office.



In a related development intelligence sources revealed just how risky our aid to BEL was. While our forces were able to overcome the British special ops forces that took part in the invasion it turns out that the vast majority of the British forces were never able to make it to the battlefield. Intelligence officials stated that while the British navy was prepared to convoy the entire British army of YOR to BEL the army was unable to move due to lack of supplies. Had the army of YOR made it to BEL our forces would have taken a beating indeed. President Fryling was saved again by the fortunes of war.

PARIS--In a surprise move of reconciliation the government allowed the British consulate to be restored to full strength and also provided the embassy with a gift of 200 bottles of wine to celebrate the Christmas season. After the recent hostilities in BEL this move is seen as an attempt by the government to salve any wounds in the Anglo-French relationship and restore an attitude of cooperation between the nations. One can only hope that the tragedy of war that has been sweeping the rest of the world can be avoided here.

ST PETERSBURG--After formal discussion with the German Foreign Diplomat it was decided, by mutual agreement, that it would be in our, the Russian peoples', best interest to leave SWE. Does leave or Die! mean anything?

After months of trying to understand, and comprehend, the Italian language a common medium has been reached--Charades--which seems to come naturally for the Italians.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE TIMES--It is this columnist's opinion that the world is just too aggressive!! What with all of this fighting, the only thing that could happen is a total all-out war. I would not be surprised to see this happen by the middle of the next decade!! Please, for the love of life--make love-not war!!

WASHINGTON POST--President Bryan condemned the French invasion of BEL as "an act of cold, cruel, premeditated aggression" telling our Lola Montez in a private interview that "Lord Sullivan has assured me, in strictest confidence, that the operation the French are referring to was merely an insertion operation where British commandoes were repatriating the latest of the King's foreign mistresses." If this be true, chivalry cries out for Pres Fryling's head for so major an indiscretion.

CLASSIFIEDS

DP to PS- You really tick me off!!

Russia to D von P: Is it starting to get hot in here or is it just me?

Ger to Tur-- Congrats, please telephone ASAP!

Who is this Franz Joseph guy anyway??

TR to all: Do to the unexpected move I don't have a phone (yet) I'm working on it. I do have an address [Editor's note: see roster below]. Sorry for the inconvenience, but not if I loose.

JF to DP--Can I help you plug in your toaster?

Austria to Tzar-- Back off!!

I hereby denounce my regretful Italian heritage and submit an application to join the "Italy Haters Club." I also request a waiver of the application fee of 100 Italian foreskins since the Italians don't have enough of the requisite physical appendages in their entire kingdom to provide for obtaining the fee. Please send me my Duce Saunders voodoo doll and the free tote as soon as possible.

--JF, Paris

Patrick, you really get my gourd!! -a concerned Muscovite

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the Paris Classified.

This season's recipients of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb are all who declined to send Press. You know who you are.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: The only tool Diplomacy has is language.

--Ambassador Hodin of Gideon

ADDRESS CHANGE: The Tzar has taken up residence at his Spring Palace; see the roster below for details.

As per our headline, Britain has protested my adjudication of his last set of orders. They were (xerox available to any interested party):

F Norwegian Sea - Norway

F North Sea C A Yorkshire - Belgium

I ruled that since A YOR was not specifically ordered to BEL, it was unordered. I've been around several of you long enough to know that you might assure a so-called ally that you would order, for example, "F Nth C A Lon-Bel" while you'd also order "F Eng C A Lon-Bre, A Lon-Bre". Lord Sullivan doesn't agree with my logic, and offered several unacceptable remedies to the situation. He also promised me a full dissertation on his position by presstime, but it hasn't arrived. His major argument was that since I cut most of you some slack on the deadline, I should cut him some slack on the orders. He has a point. This time Italy phoned in his order two days after the deadline, France's postmark was one day late, and Russia and Austria still haven't officially paid (but they may be working it out other ways) their game fees. Last turn it was worse.

So here it is guys, no more slack. By request of Lord Sullivan (and coincidentally, Pres Fryling last turn), your orders must:

a) have a postmark on or before the deadline

b) be received telephonically by 11:59 PM Central Time of the deadline

c) be E-Mailed by the deadline in b).
Exceptions (for TDY, etc) must be arranged in advance.

I only hope this doesn't degenerate the game into shambles. A similar situation happened in my first postal game, where my ally and I (20 centers) faced two other folk (13 centers) with a 1 center CD; my ally went CD and the game collapsed.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Russian F RUM retreated to BEV.

AUSTRIA: Build A VIE
ENGLAND: Build F LON
FRANCE: Build F BRE, F MAR, A PAR
GERMANY: Build A BER, F KIE
ITALY: Build A ROM, F NAP
RUSSIA: Build A MOS
TURKEY: Build A CON

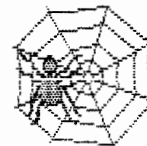
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ACTIVE PLAYERS

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BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"
--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

17 Mar 98

Spring 1902

FRANCE DECLARES WAR ON BRITS

CLIFFHOME--Hostilities became official even as our role in the World Court fiasco has leaked out. No matter. Now that the war we've worked for has begun, the Court and its opinions have lost their meaning. It now looks like Russia, not Austria, will be the first to be dismembered. The British could well be next if the French naval monster continues to steam northward. Austria's crushing defeat of one Italian invader doesn't solve her basic problem--how to defend four centers with four units while being threatened by five.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--(From a statement by the Kaiser's personal spokesperson) The Kaiser regrets to say that an army en route to Stockholm was caught in heavy gales and thrown ashore near Libau, Lithuania. 500 are confirmed dead and The Kaiser calls for a national week of mourning. He asks for the understanding of the Tsar, pledges not to assist his oppressed subjects in the province, and will remove the army immediately. The Minister of Weather, Frauline Baronstereineklinenachtmuzik, has apologized in earnest to The Kaiser for her incorrect weather forecast for the Baltic Sea and he is extracting his pound of flesh. The Kaiser said he cannot tolerate this unauthorized penetration into foreign territory and he will go to Kaiser Wilhelm cathedral for penance.

The Kaiser also regrets the "Belgian Bungle" of his Western Defense Forces Commander, von Sodomeyer, who is en route to Berlin for a personal meeting with The Kaiser. The Kaiser calls for good faith negotiations between Germany, France, and England. The Kaiser pledges to extract his pound of flesh, as it must be with all bunglers.

BUDAPEST--War news took second place in the press as what was left of the country became fascinated with the breakup of the marriage of Baron von Bridge and his lovely wife, the Baroness von Bridge, formerly of the famous Czech House of Plaza. In a tearful, heavily-accented farewell to her castle servants, the Baroness said, "I'veanna tell you all I love you, good bye, und donnal worry about me..." The Baroness's barristers are rumored to be seeking half of the feudal estates; however, the Baron reportedly forced his former bride to sign a pre-nuptial agreement limiting her to a carriage, a trip to New York City in America, and a lifetime supply of Aunt Edelweiss' Streusel.

CONSTANTINOPLE--The Sultan has declared that all Moslems of the Empire [will] rejoice [over] the recent victories of the Royal Army. An extra prayer each hour will be necessary to help maintain the Army in the eyes of Allah both physically and spiritually. When the Armies return from their present campaigns, all those who died in the service of the almighty Allah will be honored with a celebration never before seen in the Empire.

LONDON--In a prepared statement, P.M. Sullivan took full responsibility for a "secretarial mistake" regarding a supposed transfer of the world renowned "Liverpool Lancers" regiment to Brussels. Apparently, an



Prime Minister's Office, and General Haight-Smyth to board the London 1st Fleet for the move. General Haight-Smyth was rewarded by being given the respected Order of the Brass Buttock medal. He is being reassigned to liason duty in the Americas. The Prime Minister's office admitted that French troops were in control of BEL, although temporarily, until English forces arrived.

LONDON--The Naval Office today announced that the London 2nd Fleet would be on maneuvers in ENG for the next few months. Admiral Billingly, speaking for the office, said, "This is a training exercise which will enable ENGLAND to stand safe in light of the recent turmoil on the continent. Besides," he said, "it's got our name on it."

PARIS--The government made an official declaration of war against the British empire today in response to the horrible insult of some of the Republic's best wine. It seems the 200 bottles of wine which had been given to the British dogs as a gesture of reconciliation and peace were returned. Along with the bottles was a note saying that the "wine" now in the bottles tasted much better than what had been received from the Republic. The bottles were all found to be filled with urine. While urine may be the preference of the British the insult to our wines will not go unpunished.

SMYRNA--With the assemblage of a new Army, the multitude that flocked to join were met by cheers and cries of good luck from well-wishers along the road to Smyrna. The Almighty Allah and the Sultan himself were shining upon the inductees as they were outfitted with their peace-keeping utilities.

ST PETERSBURG--The new hot line to the Kremlin is now open. Anybody wishing direct access may get it by calling (813)-597-2974 after 4:00 PM weekdays.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

GENEVA CITIZEN--The World Court trounced English barristers protesting certain recent changes in governmental control on the continent. "Apparently," said one unnamed source, "there's something awry--we had a perfectly legitimate complaint." The same source would not comment on the fact that the judge hearing the case is a native French speaker. Reports are that an internationally famous spy, known by English officials as "Boris" is wreaking havoc within the court. Another barrister confirmed suspicions. "Prime Minister Sullivan's office would have some direct questions for Mr. Boris."

WASHINGTON POST--*The Post* has confirmed that the French invasion of BEL did indeed interrupt the British commandoes repatriation of the "latest of the King's foreign mistresses." A French soldier, who captured the "mistress" provided the name and address of a Mr. Louis Miller whom the King was returning. As Mr. Miller is quite attractive when in drag it is not suprising that the King was not aware of his gender until he tried to consummate the union. According to Mr. Miller, in an interview with Lola Monetx the King consummated the union anyway. Mr. Miller also stated his intention to keep the 10,000 pounds paid by the

British government as "hush" money. We now understand why the King has so many young boys serving in his court.

CLASSIFIEDS

RUS to TUR - I didn't really want RUM anyway.

PS to DP: Flea for your life!

DP to PS: I told you!!!!

Moose to Squirrel: Watch me pull a rabbit out of my hat. I say again. Watch me pull a rabbit out of my hat.

Sir Frylinguini to all--- I hope that you all will duct off those old French study books.

DvP to Russia: You're having heat flashes.

I hate Italy!

For sale! One, slightly used gourd. Only used to draw water by a little old lady in Moscow. Inquire Leopold's Pre-Owned Emporium, Austria.

Heard near P.M. Sullivan's window

"Tomorrow, & tomorrow, & tomorrow
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day
to the last syllable of recorded time,
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death. Out, out brief candle.
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
And then is heard no more. It is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.

The Duke wins, 6 to 3.

BOOS AND RUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Archduke von Patrick for his Budapest article.

This season's joint recipients of a Ms Nor Super-Budny bomb are President Fryling for his Paris article and the author of the *Washington Post* clipping. Both are cited for tastelessness.

EGORIO SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: Diplomacy without arms is like music without instruments.
--Frederick the Great

Germany actually submitted the flawed orders "A Ber-Liv, F Dal C A Ber-Liv"; these orders would have been ruled ambiguous (is LIV Liverpool or Livonia?) except that his Press made it clear what his intention was.

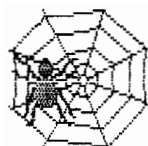
OK, guys, some of the Press is beginning to verge on the tasteless.
Let's clean it up a bit before I have to start censoring it.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Tri, A Ger S A Bud-Tri, A Vie S A Bud-Tri, F Gre-Alb;
ENGLAND: A Yor-Bel, F Low-Eng, F Nth C A Yor-Bel, F Nwy-SLP(nc);
FRANCE: A Bel-Pic, A Por-Gas, A Por H, F Brv-Eng, F Mar-Spa(is), F
Spa(is)-Mid;
GERMANY: A Ber-Lvn, A Den-Swe, A Hol-Bel, F Gal C A Ber-Lvn, F Nie-Hol;
ITALY: A Rom-Ven, A Trin-Bud(d), A Ven-Tri, F Nap-Ion, F Tun S F
Nap-Ion;
RUSSIA: A Sla S ITA A Trin-Bud(usu), A Mos S F Sev, A Ukr-Rus, F Sev I
A Ukr-Rus, F Swe-Dot;
TURKEY: A Arm S A Con-Sev, A Con-Sev, A Rus-Ukr, F Sla C A Con-Sev.

Orders in italics fail; d = unit destroyed for lack of retreat; usu =
no such unit.

DEADLINE for Fall 1982 orders is 9 Apr 90.



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15 Apr 90

Fall 1902

LORD SULLIVAN RESIGNS!

MINAS MORGUL--Citing the quixotic behavior of higher powers, Lord Sullivan has resigned as Prime Minister, creating a governmental crisis that has paralyzed British forces everywhere. Indeed, the British war effort is in shambles and only the sharpest diplomacy by a fresh government has much chance of calling off the French dogs. Meanwhile in the East, Tsar Tone has put the Russian steamroller back on line, a prospect not viewed with joy in either Constantinople or Vienna. To further confuse matters, Italy's annexation of MUN augurs war with both Germany and Austria. Things are going marvelously.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The Kaiser today announces that he will take daily walks in the palace gardens with his wife and children and encourages all good Germans to do the same. It promotes solid German virtues such as family and exercise. And it is definitely not smutty.

BERLIN--The Kaiser here issues a formal apology to the Tsar. Germany offers as retribution material assistance to help drive the Godless Turk from the soil of Mother Russia.

BERLIN--The Kaiser asks that all British troops remain out of Scandinavia. It is the only way peace can exist between we Teutonic brothers.

LONDON--I am sure that your judgement on ambiguity of the last set of German orders was not consistent with your previous edicts on "tightening up" on the rules. I therefore withdraw from the game -- *please refund the remainder of my stamp money at your first convenience.*

ROME--Italian A TRL, currently marching into MUN, is doing so with the expressed purpose of relieving pressure from our Russian ally. The army will return to Italian territory upon cessation of hostilities between Russia and Germany.

ST PETERSBURG--Today after months of code breaking and deciphering our top cryptographers think they have the meaning of the following message sent by the British: "lets support each other in Scandinavya," to mean

- A) F Nor to St
- . Pete
- B) April fools
- C) HA HA HA HA HA
- D) If you can see me I'm too close
- E) I've got to get a chunk of Russia before its gone.

ST PETERSBURG--Due to the overwhelming cruelty of the Turkish, the Rumanian population has begged us, once again, to free them from their enemy. In trade they offered many new ports to the Black Sea and an abundance of fuel oil. In a heroic speech given by Czar Tone all were inspired by his final remark "... That which is ours will be ours again!!"



BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

WASHINGTON POST--The newly announced British elections promise to be a free-for-all of epic proportions. With six evenly matched political parties in the center of the brawl and a host of minor parties at its periphery, it's most likely some shaky three-way coalition will initially rule. Lord Devon's Technology Party has had a brief experience in governing but his platform of massive public works is not popular with the middle classes who would bear the brunt of the new taxation. Sir Fagan's Socialist Party, while popular with the masses, is also in trouble with the essential middle class. Baron Wilson's Free Press Party is a strong advocate of American-like Freedom of Speech and Press laws, but suffers somewhat by his status of being 37th in line for the German throne. Lord Loring's Scottish Independence Party is very popular up north, but even pledges to eliminate the excise taxes on that region's justifiably most famous product are unlikely to gain more than minimal support in the south. Captain Lonfah's Navy League's program of a 1000 ship navy and the licensing of privateers, while having support in the shipyards of Liverpool, London, and Edinburgh, is considered to be 100 years out of date by most. Finally, Reverend Fisher's Druidic Party proposes both universal adult suffrage and the abolition of Christianity in favor of a return to Druidism. While vehemently opposed in Canterbury, the Druids have shown remarkable support from the female half of the population and near Glastonbury and Stonehenge.

CLASSIFIEDS

Russia to Aus + Tur -- What's that moving in the south.

Italy hates Austria!!!!

TR to PS -- Smooth!

TR to PS -- I can't think of anything worse than being called Turkish.

PS to TR -- Don't call them anything, just ignore them.

BOOS AND KUDOS

Neither the Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence nor a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb will be awarded this season. The former is due to the dearth of quality Press; the latter is due, no doubt, to the spirit of the Easter holiday.

BORIS SPEAKS!

It is with regret that I accept Lord Sullivan's resignation. I have always tried to "walk the extra mile" to accomodate my players, but you can't please everybody everytime. I hope that this experience hasn't soured him permanently on postal DIP, and I'd enjoy crossing wits with him sometime under someone else's management. Should England come up for grabs again later in the game, he would have first dibs, as stated in the House Rules, should he wish to rejoin us. I only wish he had submitted orders along with his resignation so that his successor wouldn't have it so bad.

Correction: Tsar Rezzarday's phone number should be (813)-977-2974. Boris regrets any inconvenience the typo may have caused. That having been said...

Address change: Effective 1 May, Tsar Rezzarday's address will be 2714 Ridgeway St, Tallahassee, FL 32310, (904)-576-0251

Alternate Alert: With Lord Sullivan's resignation, Alternates are requested to submit orders for England. The Mighty Ms Nar will select the lucky orders at random from all those submitted, as per our house rules.

Thought for the Season: There's something wrong with our bloody ships to-day, Chatfield." ---Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Ser S A Tri, A Tri S A Vie, A Vie S A Tri, F Alb-Gre;
ENGLAND: NMR A Yor H(u), F Lon H(u), F Nth H(u), F StP(nc) H(u, r-???);
FRANCE: A Gas-Bur, A Pic-Bel, A Por-Spa, F Bre-Eng, F Mid-Nat, F Spa(sc)-Mid;
GERMANY: A Hol-Ruh, A Lvn S RUS F Bot-StP(sc), A Swe-Nwy, F Bal-Den, F Kie-Hol;
ITALY: A Trl-Mun, A Ven-Trl, F Ion-Aeg, F Tun-Ion;
RUSSIA: A Gal S A Ukr-Rum, A Mos S F Sev, A Ukr-Rum, F Bot-StP(sc), F Sev S A Ukr-Rum;
TURKEY: A Arm-Sev, A Con-Bul, A Rum S A Arm-Sev(r-???), F Bla **SA** Arm-Sev.

Orders in italics fail, r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered. English F STP may either retreat to BAR or disband; Turkish A RUM may either retreat to BUD or disband.

SUPPLY CENTERS

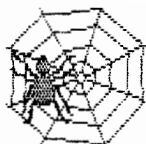
AUS: (-)Bud, Vie, Gre, Ser, +Tri	(5) Build 1 *
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, -Nwy	(3) Tear 1 **
FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Por, Spa	(6) No change
GER: Ber, Kie, -Mun, Den, Hol, +Nwy	(5) No change
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, -Tri, Tun, +Mun	(5) Build 1
RUS: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Swe, +Rum	(6) Build 1
TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, -Rum, (+Bud), +Bul	(4) No change *

* If Turkish A RUM either retreats to BUD or disbands, Turkey may build one; in the former instance, Austria may not build.

** If F STP(nc) disbands rather than retreats, England need not tear.

Players may make their builds/tears conditional on the outcome of the Fall retreats. Similarly, players may make Spring orders conditional on both the retreats and the subsequent builds/tears.

DEADLINE for Spring 1903 orders is 14 May 90.



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19 May 90

Spring 1903

FRENCH INVADE SCOTLAND!

MURKWOOD--Taking full advantage of the confusion in Britain, President Fryling's forces have landed in CLY, ensuring the capture of LPL in the Fall. The newly formed government of Lord Loring will be sorely pressed to survive much less press its pre-election pledge of Scottish independence. Meanwhile in the South, thoughts of impending fatherhood must have addled Il Duce's thinking as he left the order to raise a third army unsigned. Turkey has again reclaimed RUM with Austrian assistance but is still vulnerable to an Italian raid. The real question is "What is Russian A SIL up too?" We'll know soon.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--As the last of the shipwrecked German soldiers crossed from LVN into PRU, the Kaiser declared "... the peace and understanding between ... countries is lasting." [Ed note: the message was defaced by the USPS]

BERLIN--The Berlin chapter of the Italy Haters Club is setting membership records. A Spokesman said, "The hate level is so high. Everyone just loves it." Chapters will soon open in Munich, then Venice, Rome, and Naples.

BUDAPEST--The Count Homer von Simpson was named new Minister of Safety. Charged with ensuring the safe use of coal as the nation's primary fuel source, Count Simpson unveiled his plans to bring safety awareness to school children in hopes that a "trickle up" effect will reshape the safety habits of the nation's parents. School children will be taught a series of slogans over the following weeks. Beginning with "I will not shout 'fire' in a crowded classroom," future slogans include "I will not burp in class," "Garlic Gum is Not Funny," and, "I will not waste chalk." A new organization called BART (Barons After Responsible Teaching) has been created by Count Simpson to develop future slogans.

PARIS--The government today decried the opportunistic Italian invasion of MUN last fall as a dangerous precedent for future adventurism in Europe and has granted assistance to our faithful German ally to remove the intruder from German soil. The foreign ministry sent a strongly worded warning to the Saunders government that until such time as the Turkish barbarians are wiped off the face of the earth it is inappropriate (and dangerous) to seek conquest of one's allies. Peace in our region can only be maintained if all the allies can restrain their expansionist tendencies and respect the long-standing neutral territories.

ROME--Il Duce is proud to announce the birth of his heir, Michael Lynn Saunders. This blessed event assures Italia of at least one more generation of leadership to fight the vile Austro-Hungarians.

ROME--(Communique from Commando Supremo): Italian forces will pursue with utmost vigor their goal of the destruction of the corrupt and decadent Austro-Hungarian Empire. Long live Il Duce!"



ST PETERSBURG--Once again the Czar is back home. After checking out the narrow confines of my tiny kingdom it was decided that we must expand our horizons to include all the suppressed people in the thiefdoms close by. With the help of all the other free people we will not fail.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG--Overheard in Rome: The Germans are a happy people. In fact, they laugh 3 times for every joke--once when they hear it, once when it's explained to them, and once again when they understand it.

WASHINGTON STAR--President Roosevelt quickly condemned the Russian invasion of Manchuria and is supplying the Chinese with material assistance to recover their territory. If the Russians are able to keep their hold on Manchuria they will finally be able to have access to ice-free ports during the winter and will be much more of a player in the Pacific region in the future. In a typical example of the finesse of Russian diplomacy their response to questions of adherence to the Eight Point Plan (A RUSSIAN-proposed treaty that was all but delivered) was "Eight Point Plan? What's an Eight Point Plan?"

CLASSIFIEDS

Any nation interested in joining the Austro-Hungary Haters Club, contact Il Duce.

To Tsar Tone: K.M.A.

American Orders--
Build Fleet--Arkansas
Build Fleet--Dallas
Build Fleet --Oklahoma

TUR-RUS: What's that moving in the North?

GM to JAF: Darken up, man--get a new ribbon!

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Archduke von Patrick for his article datelined Budapest. Its subtle humor is amazing.

The Boris Eagle Eye Award goes to President Fryling for noticing last season's typographical transformation of Italian F TUN into F TRN.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is the US Postal Service for obliterating an important diplomatic communication.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: Who dares wins. ---SAS Motto

Our new English player is Mike "Kid K" Klausutis, presently ensconced in the enlisted barracks at Loring AFB. "Lord Loring", Boris requests you furnish your phone number and game fee (two first class stamps per turn) with your next set of orders.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

England retreated F STP(nc)-BAR and Turkey disbanded A RUM instead of retreating. Austria built A BUD, England disbanded F NTH, Italy forgot to build, Russia built A WAR, and Turkey built F CON.

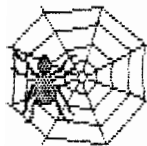
AUSTRIA: *A Vie S A Tri, A Bud S TUR A Bul-Rum, A Ser S TUR A Bul-Rum, A Tri S A Vie, F Gre S Tur F Con-Aeg;*
ENGLAND: *A Yor S F Lon, F Bar-Nwy, F Lon H;*
FRANCE: *A Bel H, A Bur S GER A Ruh-Mun, A Spa-Cly, F Eng-Lon, F Mid C A Spa-Cly, A Nat C A Spa-Cly;*
GERMANY: *A Lvn-Pru, A Nor H(nsp), A Nwy H(u), A Ruh-Mun, F Den-Nth, F Hol S F Den-Nth;*
ITALY: *A Mun S A Tri(r-???), A Tri S A Ven-Tri(nsu), A Ven-Tri(nsu), F Aeg S F Ion-Gre, F Ion-Gre;*
RUSSIA: *A Gal-Vie, A Mos S F Sev, A Rum-Bud(r-???), A War-Sil, F Sev H, F StP(sc)-Bot;*
TURKEY: *A Arm-Sev, A Bul-Rum, F Bla S A Arm-Sev, F Con-Aeg.*

Orders in italics fail, nsp = no such place, nsu = no such unit, r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered. Italian A MUN may either disband or retreat to BER, BOH, or KIE; Russian A RUM may either disband or retreat to UKR.

DEADLINE for Fall 1903 orders is 18 Jun 90.

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23 Jun 90

Fall 1903

RIOTS SWEEP ITALY AND TURKEY!

CLIFFHOME--Anarchy is sweeping the face of Europe as riots grip both Italy and Turkey and as the French inexorably grind the British Empire into the dust of history. Self-proclaimed "King" (formerly President) Fryling is now the most powerful man in Europe. He must be stopped. Archduke von Patrick may be the key here. With two of his traditional rivals riot-torn and the third about to feel Franco-German wrath for its unprovoked attack on MUN, Austria's strong East may be able to counter the French West. We must work to make it so or else the Chief Bug's Plan will be foiled.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The Kaiser issued a formal declaration of war against Italy. The Kaiser admitted, "I've always hated them" and revealed that he is the founder of the "hate-Italy" movement sweeping much of the world.

The Kaiser also said that if Russian forces are not withdrawn from Germany at the end of this season, Russia and Germany will be in a state of war.

BUDAPEST--The Ministry for Cultural Affairs announced government support for the 1904 World's Exposition to be held (if it's still held) in Vienna next summer. All the world's powers are invited to attend. Diplomatic status will be given the attendants for each nation's pavilion. Each nation is free to create its own theme; however, suggestions will be available. For example, the Italians may wish to have an education center and give intelligence tests, the French might consider a greenhouse for raising pansies, and, of course, no exhibit would be complete without a German beer hall! The Exposition will also feature the latest in amusement rides and games to attract the public at large. Currently in the planning stage is the Ferrari Horseless Carriage Ride, Dr. Paul's Combination Balloon Ride and Shooting Gallery, and the Nar Soap Bubble Blowing and Water Balloon Toss. Food from around the world will be another theme. Specialties will include Kaiser Burgers with French Fryling Potatoes, Duce Saunders Italian Fried Chicken, Rezzarday Caviar, Klausutis Dogs, Meyer Rum & Coffee Treats, and Popcorn ala Meg.

PARIS--The government today gave its official congratulations to Drs. Henri Becquerel, Pierre Curie and his wife, Marie Curie, for their outstanding achievements in Physics. Becquerel and the Curies received the Nobel Prize for their discovery of radioactivity and of the radioactive elements polonium and radium. In a press conference at the palace King Fryling praised their achievements and declared a day of celebration. While radioactivity and the radioactive elements apparently have no useful military properties which could help in our war efforts it has been found that by drinking solutions of the elements in water many diseases can be cured. Research is continuing...

PARIS--The Foreign Ministry sent a strongly worded warning to Il Duce's Italian government last week warning again against his expansionist



actions in the European continent. Unless his units are immediately withdrawn and re-positioned to deal with the Austro-Turkish menace they will face a new adversary in the west. Since fighting a 3-front war would not be in his best interest, a rapid pullout was recommended. The French fleet from MID was reassigned to WES for the sole purpose of relieving pressure on our German ally and will be removed upon retreat of Italian units from German soil.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

PRAVDA (MOSCOW)--Due to recent world developments the Soviet government has been in special session for months. Her only ally, the Italians, being ruthlessly treated by the GM (as were the British).

Who will be next? The people of Russia are in rebellion. The armies and navy have been given their orders; however, the morale is low and it is expected that nothing will be gained and much will be lost. Our foreign minister has taken the liberty of writing our own "We want our money back NOW!" letter and will not hesitate to use it if the need arises.

We feel that the orders that were given were 99.99% obvious.

The GM's "zero tolerance" detracts a lot from the fun and spirit of the game. Too bad, for all of us.

CLASSIFIEDS

Paris-London: BOHICA!

London Bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down. London Bridge is falling down, my fair lady.

London-World: Someone hand me a tube of K-Y.

FOR SALE--Genuine Scotch whiskey--A great buy! Soon to come--Our cheap Italian whine for sale--watch for it soon! (Cheap Italians whine a lot!)

Help Wanted - Belly lint collector needed for Sultan's Pillow Manufacturing Co. Naval Academy graduate preferred. Inquire at Royal Palace, Ankara.

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BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: There's something wrong with our bloody ships to-day, Chatfield. --Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty

Lord Loring's phone number is (207)-328-7092. Kaiser Bill has moved again. His new address (no phone # yet) is 1202-B Iberville, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. I was going to publish a new roster, but with the NMRS decided to wait until next time.

ALTERNATE ALERT: Alternates are requested to submit orders for both Italy and Turkey. Should either or both fail to submit orders, orders from those proffered will be selected at random with the selectees assuming control of the countries.

Note that two of Germany's units were adjudicated as "unordered"; this is because they were given conditional orders based on where ITA A MUN retreated. No orders were predicated on the unit disbanding, so the units went unordered. Moral: If issuing conditional orders cover all possibilities.

Czar Rezzarday has brought up a good point in his *Pravda* article. *Boris's raison d'être* is to provide an enjoyable forum for a few friends to get together and play *Diplomacy*. Our past policy of calling delinquent players (collect, naturally) to extract orders from them had the advantage of keeping the game flowing and avoiding unnecessary disruptive NMRs. On the other hand, a deadline is supposed to be just that. Why shouldn't the punctual players profit from other players' missed deadlines?

So *Boris* is going to conduct a poll. Please submit answers to the following questions along with your next orders.

1. Should the present "postmarked by" deadline be changed to a "received by" deadline?
 2. Should delinquent players be called to get their orders?
 3. Should *Boris* be expanded to handle more games even though that would mean increasing either the game fee or requiring a subscription fee?
 4. Should Press be required?
 5. Should "implied" orders be allowed?
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TROOP MOVEMENTS

Italian A MUN nmr'd and so was disbanded.

AUSTRIA: A Tri-Ven, A Ser-Gre, F Gre-Alb, A Vie S A Bud-Gal, A Bud-Gal;
ENGLAND: A Yor-Edi, F Bar-StP(inc), F Lon drinks ale in pubs;
FRANCE: A Bel-Ruh, A Bur S GER A Mun, A Cly-Edi, F Eng-Lon, F Mid-Wes, F Nat-Lpl;
GERMANY: A Mun H(u), A Nwy-Swe, A Pru-Ber, F Hol H(u), F Nth S ENG A Cly-Edi
ITALY: NMR A Trl H(u), F Aeg H(u), F Ion H(u);
RUSSIA: A Gal-Rum(r-???), A Mos S F Sev, A Sil-Mun, A Ukr S F Sev, F Bot-Swe, F Sev H;
TURKEY: NMR A Arm H(u), A Rum H(u), F Bla H(u), F Con H(u).

Orders in italics fail, r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered. Russian A GAL must either disband or retreat to either BOH or WAR.

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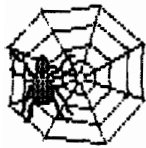
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ENG:	-Edi, Lon, -Lpl, +StP	(2)	Tear 1
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Por, Spa, +Edi, +Lpl	(8)	Build 2
GER:	Ber, Kie, Den, Hol, Nwy, +Mun	(6)	Build 1

ITA: Nap, Rom, -Ven, Tun, -Mun
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TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, + Rum

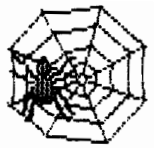
(3) No change
(4) Tear 2 *
(5) ~~No change~~ Build 1

* If Russian A GAL disbands rather than retreats, Russia ~~is even~~ need tear only one

DEADLINE for Spring 1904 orders is 23 Jul 90.



BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

30 Jul 90

Spring 1904

BRITS RIOT WHILE EMPIRE COLLAPSES!

MINAS MORGUL--The collapse of the British government is nearly total. With more French attackers on the island than there are British defenders, the end is indeed near. Well-informed sources have it that both His Majesty and Lord Loring were seen leading a captive Lord Sullivan into one of the Royal Navy's newfangled submersibles after which the craft put out to sea, headed perhaps to Canada, the Bahamas, Australia, or even to STP to set up a government in exile. Things aren't much better for the Italians as Austrian troops have captured the Eternal City without a single shot fired. Italian F AEG, fleeing before a superior Turkish foe, can occupy BUL, but cannot hope to hold it in the critical Fall season against a determined Turkish counterattack. NAP could be an easy victim to an (however unlikely) Austro-French attack. Czar Rezzarday's predictable "Madman Offensive" was easily thwarted; whereas a coordinated push on BER would have succeeded. With SEV and SWE already in enemy hands and MOS a "gimme", the Czar must coordinate closely with the Duce or all hope for both of them is gone. Meanwhile Germany, with the occupation of BEL, is beginning to collect its IOUs from (er??? Is it King or Emperor this season?) Wormtongue. And how will the unholy Austro-Turkish alliance be able to resolve its ancient grudges to operate effectively against West? Tune in next season for further clues to the finale.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--(Kaiser's Foreign Office): With the collapse of England imminent, Germany announces the annexation of British colonies in Southern and Eastern Africa. This includes those colonies adjacent to German East Afrika and German Southwest Afrika, specifically South Africa, Becuanaland, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Uganda, and Kenya.

BERLIN--(Kaiser's War Office): With the continued presence of Russian troops on German soil, Germany declares that a state of war exists between Germany and Russia. We call on Austria and Turkey for solidarity in the fight against the Tzarist demagogue who has done nothing but cause bloodshed and suffering from Scandinavia to Sevastopol.

BUDAPEST--The Foreign Ministry announced it has joined Germany in declaring a "State of War" exists between Austria-Hungary and Italy. When asked about the effect of war on the 1904 exposition, the prime minister noted that this was only the spring and "as our forces have already penetrated Venice, and the German force has destroyed the marauders in Munich, the war may be won by the summer's opening festivities."

MOSCOW--(This just in--we are going down fast!) In a recent interview with the Czar he declared that the war was going fine and it would only be a matter of time before we achieved total victory. When asked why he was packing he said "--Well, I just had my dresser painted and I don't want my clothes to get ruined."



VENICE---All outlets of the Duce Saunders Italian Fried Chicken chain of food emporiums were closed under military law by the occupying Austrian forces after numerous riots had to be quelled when protestors got out of hand. Italians throughout the country have been picketing the formerly popular chicken restaurants since the Italian leader began his rampage in Europe. Said one of the protestors, "While our great Italian Navy cruises the Turkish coastline, and her armies invaded Austria and Germany, we're stuck paying high prices for skinny chicken!" Hundreds of signs reading "Dvce Svx" were initially confiscated, but later returned with the military's seal of approval.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

WASHINGTON POST--President William Jennings Bryan today decried French complicity in the destruction of the world's foremost democracies. "Fie, Fie on thee perfidious Frogs!", the President was heard to rant. "There were only three great democracies in the world and you have to eat one of them!" The President was evidently echoing the words of a Colorado judge some years back whose defendant had eaten two out of the three Republicans in the state during a particularly harsh winter.

CLASSIFIEDS

Duce to World: Don't have kids!

To Wormtongue: KMA!

Archduke von Patrick to Boris: Your (expletive deleted) is music to my ears!

Boris to the Erzherzog: I prefer Strauss.

To Czar: DILLIGAS.

Tone to World: Ich bin ein IBM'er!

Boris to Tone: A doubly mangled quotation. JFK said, "Ich bin ein Berliner!" But he was incorrect; it should've been "Ich bin einer Berliner!"

BDOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Archduke von Patrick for his article datelined Venice.

This season's recipient of a volley of Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bombs is Boris for last season's errors.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: To err is human, to forgive divine.

Yes, Boris blundered big time last time. My fault for not using the Adjudicator program or even looking at the board hard enough. I was rushed, but that's no excuse. Also lost in the rush was Russia's retreat of A GAL-LKR. I apologize again to all the players, especially Russia and Turkey as they were the ones most inconvenienced.

Congratulations to Duce Saunders for taking 1st Place in a field of 16 in the *Cosmic Encounters* tournament at Atlanticon. His sister Alice, not to be outdone, took 1st in a 78-player *Nuclear War* tourney.

Well, I was going to include an updated roster this time, but England NMR'd, and when I called him Saturday to find out if he'd mailed his orders (the Postal Service takes a *very* roundabout way to get mail from easternmost Maine to the rest of the world, so it was worth checking), I discovered that he'd moved out of his barracks room. You might have noticed that this issue was dated two days later than usual; this is because I opted to give the USPS an extra two days to do its thing. Well, it's Monday and no show so...

ALTERNATE ALERT: Alternates are requested to submit orders for England. One submission will be chosen at random from those submitted. If none respond and Lord Loring doesn't return, England will go Civil Disorder until someone steps forward to lead her or she's eliminated.

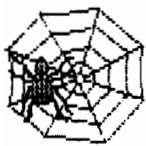
TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austria built A TRI, France built A MAR and F BRE, England NMR'd so GM disbanded F STP(nc) in accord with Rule XIV.4, Germany built A KIE, Russia retreated A GAL-BOH and disbanded A MOS and F SEV, and Turkey built F SMY.

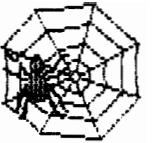
AUSTRIA: A Gal S TUR A Rum-Ukr, A Gre H, *A Tri-Ven*, A Ven-Rom, *A Vie S A Gal*, *F Alb-Tri*;
ENGLAND: NMR A Yor H(u), *F Lon H(u, r-???)*;
FRANCE: A Bur-Mar, *A Edi-Yor*, A Mar-Pie, A Ruh S GER A Mun, F Bre-Mid, F Eng-Lon, F Lpl H, F Wes-Tyn;
GERMANY: A Ber-Pru, *A Kie-Ber*, A Mun H, A Nwy-Swe, F Hol-Del, F Nth S FRE F Eng-Lon;
ITALY: *A Tri-Ven*, *F Aeg-Gre(r-???)*, *F Ion-Alb*;
RUSSIA: *A Boh-Vie*, *A Sil-Ber*, A Ukr-War, F Bot-Bal;
TURKEY: A Arm-Sev, A Rum-Ukr, F Bla S A Arm-Sev, F Con-Aeg, F Smy S F Con-Aeg.

Orders in italics fail; otb = off the board (i.e. disbands), r-??? = unit must retreat, u = unordered. English F Lon may either retreat to WAL or otb, Italian F AEG may retreat to BUL(sc), EAS, or otb. Players may make Fall orders conditional on these retreats.

DEADLINE for Fall 1984 orders is 28 Aug 90.



BORIS THE SPIDER



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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

26 Aug 90

Fall 1904

LORD LORING RESIGNS!

MURKWOOD--Citing his hereditary duty as regimental commander of the King's Camel Corps, protecting His Majesty's interests in Arabia, Lord Loring has resigned as Prime Minister and leader of the Scottish Independence Party (SIP), leaving party whip, Earl Eric, in an untenable position both militarily and politically. He may have to make a deal with Sir Fagan's Socialist Party just to maintain the Prime Ministership long enough to try to turn German belligerency towards the new Napoleon. Meanwhile Emperor Karl Franz seems to have had a brain blip when he ordered a unit that hadn't made it to where they could have been if they were there, but they weren't. The Austrian position has suddenly become critical as Sultan Ali Pete's desire for new harem wenches/concubines is insatiable. Czar Rezzarday's patented "madman attacks" have lost him his Motherland, but Russia still clings to a national identity as a rogue mercenary army, presently sacking Vienna. Il Duce has also taken a kilo of Austrian flesh in raiding GRE this season. With the inexplicable German withdrawal from BEL, there is no doubt who controls the West: (President, King, Emperor) <pick one, depending on the phase of the moon, you might be right> Fryling. Is there a power in the East that can stop him? If the Austro-Turkish forces can halt him around Italy (probably a big if), the French Autocrat's only ready victim is....Germany? Oh, C'mon now. Wormitongue wouldn't do that now, would he?

EMBASSY BEAT

ANKARA--The streets of Ankara are alive with the sounds of churchbells and temple gongs thronging their massive noise onto the streets among the throngs of people celebrating the Turkish Army's resounding defeat of the Russian "Horde of the North" Army.

The Sultan has declared September 1 to be an official day of celebration with all the people expected to participate. Along this line, the Sultan has decided to add three new wenches to his harem. These wenches will, of course, be selected from each of the new Turkish provinces.

The Sultan has graciously invited the Archduke from Austria to partake of wine, women and song and to toast another 100 years of cooperation and friendship between the governments.

BUDAPEST--The Foreign Ministry issued a public warning to the Government of France to stay out of the war zone. Noting French troop movements in MAR and PIE, plus French naval movements off the western coast of Italy, the Prime Minister cautioned against misunderstandings between two powers who have the same interests at heart.

KONIGSBERG--The Kaiser, visiting German troops here, promised the army that he would personally lead the invasion of Russia in the tradition of Napoleon Bonaparte. But, "the only Waterloo we will see will be in the restrooms of the Tser's Winter Palace." The Kaiser is seen by the soldiers as "a terrific General with a sense of humor to boot."



PARIS--The President declared today that a state of war now exists between the French empire and the Turkish Sultanate (along with its puppet government in Austria). The latest Turkish demonstration of barbarism--an appeal to the President for certain sexual favors (see Spring '84 classified 2)--only reinforces the world's view that the unholy Sultanate must be totally obliterated. The President promised all possible assistance to the Russian Tsar and Italian Duce to see that the barbarians are eliminated.

ROME--Church bells rang out as Austrian liberation troops marched into the ancient capital city. The occupation force commander assured Vatican officials that the sovereignty of the Holy See would not be violated, although he was overheard to privately remark that "it might be fun to see a non-Italian Pope, maybe a Pole or something..." Meanwhile, Austrian troops had orders to search the city for the fleeing Italian leader. Italian citizens were urged to report any sightings of the Duce. Free trips to Chicago for deep-dish pizza were offered as incentives for any information leading to his arrest and execution. Attendees of the new play, "Italy's Most Wanted," were urged at the end of each performance to write to a special address, 000 Appian Way, should they spot him. Secretaries are standing by to answer any mail.

SORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

CONSTANTINOPLE SUN-TIMES--WANTED: People for an army or navy. Only requirements necessary are a good heart and soul dedicated to Allah. Call 132-369-3878 or 1-EAT-MY-DUST.

MOSCOW MESSENGER--"RUSSIAN ARMY GETS NEW UNIFORMS! MORALE SKYROCKETS!" Because of the new size of the army (about half what it used to be), the government bought all members, officers as well as enlisted, brand new uniforms. When asked about this unexpected event, Czar Rezzarday said, "We sold some land in the south and we wanted our men to know we still support them. So, while we may not have the biggest army we do have the best dressed one. And when a man looks good, he feels good, and when he feels good, he fights better." This just goes to show that not only do our fearless leaders never stop thinking, but that from deperate minds come desperate ideas.

PEORIA PICAYUNE--Pete's Pervasive Peck-rats Pummel Pompeii Pansies into Purgatory's Phantasmagoric Pile of Physical Poop. Pompeians Provide Pete with Prodigious, Perplexic amounts of Poultry ala Pompeii!! Preposterous?? Possibly!

CLASSIFIEDS

For Rent: Summerhouse in Wales...Cheap!!! £100/month. Contact Jean 555-1717.

Russia to World: I may not be doing well, but at least I'm not ITALY.

To Sultan Ali Pete--Wie gents! Can du speche Deutsch?? Nicht?? Ach du Lieber!!!
---Wormtongue

Breakfast by mail! Have the new "ein Berliner" German food sensation sent fresh to you each morning. Send Fr50 in Swiss funds (or equivalent U.S. dollars, French francs, Austrian schillings, or Turkish lira) to 1942 Heil H Lane, Ziefried, Germany. Sorry, no British pounds, Italian lira, or Russian rubles accepted.

Mumbles...TOO BAD!!!

Ms Nar to World: Keep it clean, guys! This means you, P.M.!

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of article datelined Rome.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Turkey for unflattering references to anatomical functions.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: Diplomats and bureaucrats may function differently, but they achieve exactly the same results.

--Lt Cmdr Spock

Lord Loring has been deployed to the Middle East and is thus unable to continue in the game. His position has been assumed by Earl Eric Lowe; his Earlship's address is on the following roster. Those of you who would like to drop a card to our deployed warrior can write him at: AIC Michael Klausutis, PO Box 29, (DAC), FPO SF 96685.

A question has come up about the Classified section. First of all, if you've read the House Rules, you should know that you can't trust anything that appears there. I generally try to mix up the submissions (unless they're related or no one else sends stuff) so that no two adjacent pieces are from the same source. But then again, I might not sometime.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

English F LON retreated to WAL & Italian F AEG retreated to BUL(sc).

AUSTRIA: A Gal-War, A Gre H(r-???), A Rom S A Ven(nsu), A Tri H(u), A Vie-Tri, A Ven(nsu) S A Vie-Tri, F Alb-Tri;
ENGLAND: A Yor-Lon, F Wal S A Yor-Lon;
FRANCE: A Edi-Yor, A Mar H, A Pie S ITA A Tri-Ven, A Ruh S GER A Mun, F Lon-Wal, F Lpl-Mal, F Mid-Eng, F Iron-Rom;
GERMANY: A Kie-Ber, A Mun S A Kie-Ber, A Pru S A Kie-Ber, A Swe H, F Bel-Nth, F Nth-Den;
ITALY: A Tri-Ven, F Bul(sc)-Gre, F Ion S F Bul(sc)-Gre;
RUSSIA: A Boh-Vie, A Sil-Mun, A Mar-Pru(r-???), F Bal-Swe;
TURKEY: A Sev-Mos, A Ukr S AUS A Gal-War, F Aeg-Bul(sc), F Ala-Sev, F Smy-Aeg.

Orders in italics fail, otb = off the board (i.e., disbands rather than retreats), r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered. Austrian A GRE must retreat either to GER or otb; Russian A WAR must retreat either to LVN or otb.

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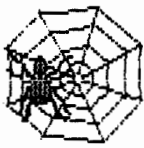
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ENG:	-Lon, StP	(1)	Tear 1
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Por, Spa, Edi, Lpl, +Lon	(9)	Build 1
GER:	Eer, Kia, Den, Hol, Nwy, Mun, +Swe	(7)	Build 1
ITA:	Nap, -Rom, Yun, +Gre, +Ven	(4)	Build 1
RUS:	-Mos, -Sev, -War, -Swe, +Vie	(1)	Tear 3
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, +Mos, +Sev	(7)	Build 2

* Austria need not tear if A GRE retreats oth.

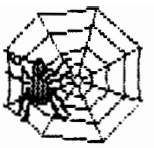
 DEADLINE for Spring 1905 orders is 24 Sep 90.

ACTIVE PLAYERS

AUS:	Archduke Donald von Patrick 9100 Circle Dr Austin, TX 78736 (512) 288-3256	ENG:	Earl Eric Lowe PO Box 130 Salem, AL 36874 (205) 745-0939
FRA:	Emperor James Fryling 1410 N Desmond Tucson, AZ 85712 (602) 795-2286	GER:	Kaiser Bill Wilson 1202-B Iberville Ocean Springs, MS 39564 (601) 872-1255
ITA:	Il Duce Paul Saunders 18411 Lost Knife Circle #201 Gaithersburg, MD 20879 (301) 926-4649	RUS:	Czar Anthonio Rezzarday 2714 Ridgeway St Tallahassee, FL 32304 (904) 576-0251
TUR:	Sultan Ali Pete Meyer 833 W. Huntington Dr Arcadia, CA 91007 (818)-574-8226	GM:	Paul R. Bolduc 203 Devon Ct Wright, FL 32548-3110 (904)-863-9081



BORIS THE SPIDER



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26 Sep 90

Spring 1905

ENGLAND ELIMINATED! RIOTS IN ITALY AND RUSSIA!

CLIFFHOME--French forces have crushed the sole English army to complete their conquest of "the sceptered Isle"; had the fleet been the survivor there would have been more problems. Meanwhile Germany begins to contest the north with Turkey. The Sultan's seizure of STP is temporary as the Kaiser's forces have a three on two attack there, setting up a stalemate line. The rogue Russian army would then be able to reoccupy WAR and escape elimination. The Italian collapse seems to be accelerating as France and Austria squabble over the spoils. The latter will be able to recapture her capital unopposed. The situation will soon simplify to two opposing blocs, the East and the West, promising a perpetual stalemate unless one country stabs its partner, allowing the other bloc to triumph.

EMBASSY BEAT

ANKARA--After a meeting with the Austrian Duce, the Sultan has decided to import deep-dish pizza from Chicago. Citing the high morale exhibited by his Austrian troops, Duce Don recommended Shakey's on Highland Ave and Overland Drive. The motion was strengthened by an offer from an elderly American man wearing a white suit and sporting a beard to provide the Austrian and Turkish armies with prodigious quantities of fried chicken.

BERLIN--The Kaiser's Ministry of Courtship and Finance announces the engagement of Kaiser to Kristalnacht von Kennedorf. The wedding will be next spring in Berlin with a tour of Moscow and Constantinople following.

BERLIN--The Kaiser's Ministry of Press Excellence denounces that most foreign of foreign press awards, the Madame Bolduc Award. It is not known from whence it originates, but smacks of French or Vietnamese. The Ministry announces the creation of a new award in honor of the Kaiser's lovely fiancée (horrid French word), the Kristalnacht Kredit for the Creation of Good Press. The Award will be given to those articles that express good, German virtues. The first Award is given to the Spring 1905 article datelined Konigsberg.

BUDAPEST--The "Puppet Government in Austria" declared that a state of war now exists between the Austrian and French empires. In his first communique since hostilities commenced, the Austrian Emperor declared the French president to be an abomination and urged the French people to "throw off the drunken chains of their new Napoleon." In a special message to the people of France, the Austrian Emperor sent a hand-written message which he hoped would be printed in full in all French newspapers. "I want the French people to know the truth," the ailing Emperor said. "I want them to know that it's not the French against the Austrians, or the French against the Turkish, but it's the French President Fryling against the world."

CONSTANTINOPLE--The State Department has denounced the rumors from Paris citing that a state of war exists between France and Turkey. A



Department spokesman mentioned that no aggressive actions have been taken against France. He invited all world leaders over for pizza and beer during the upcoming holiday season. He said, "Let's raise a little hell, sew our wild oats, and enjoy life."

PARIS--The government today decried the 'free press' diatribes regarding the proper title for the President. Editors recently have been capitalizing on a garbled wireless in which the President's title was somehow obscured and was later read to be "King". The cause of the garbled message was finally revealed to be a short circuit in the sending wireless. It seems that routine cleaning had been neglected and a colony of spiders had grown in the transmitter. Upon this finding the President promised to obliterate every spider in France if the references to the garbled message do not end.

PARIS--The President wishes to announce the birth of his third child--a daughter--on the 5th of September 1984. The President kept the child's birth a secret to prevent the appearance of being overstressed during these tense international times. (The President is even planning a fishing trip next month to further demonstrate his calm demeanor). The laughter, Ariel, and all the family members are doing well.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

SERBIAN CENTINEL--Austrian forces in DSE were recalled to participate in the War against France, dubbed Operation VINEYARD TROJAN by military planners. Although not revealing many details of the operation, the Austrian Foreign Ministry noted that the Government was calling upon the remaining free powers of Europe, and most notably Germany, to join Austria and Turkey in supplying forces for VINEYARD TROJAN. The Foreign Minister noted that 'France's ruthless attack on Rome this past Fall (only thwarted by Royal Austrian Forces), and her merciless dismantling of English sovereignty require a rapid response. These naked acts of aggression must not go unchallenged.'

TUTTLETOWN TATTLER--Turkish Lirade lries ten typical tyrants. Typically, ten to twenty thrashings typify the total time to turn them to ten trivial tactile totalitarians. This typifies Turkish trials. Turks try tyrants trying to throw the tested, true totalitarians to the tigers. That's that!

CLASSIFIEDS

S.A.P. to Boris: I dare you to find a title for this one!

Boris to S.A.P.: 'Twasn't terribly tough!

-Paris- 4 sudsy bomb to Ms Nar for her allotment of a sudsy bomb to Turkey for saying poop!

To Kaiser: Watch out for Frenchy. Signed Pedro.

Bonn- What is this sudsy bomb stuff! And for saying "poop"? My gosh -- Sudsy up the Mighty One!

Lord Loring to world: ...and I thought Loring AFD was a hell hole!

Lord Devere: Where are you?

Boris to GAF: Flight! "President" got garbled to "Roi". Does the name King Canute mean anything to you? Spider Power!

FOR RENT- Penthouse apartment in Moscow. Call for details (904 576 9251) ask for Murbles.

Lord Loring to World: Better dead than to wear a towel on my head.

LONDON- What a blithering mistake! Blincy!

Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noon day sun.

FOCS AND KUDOS

No Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence will be awarded this season.

This season's recipients of a No War Super-Guday bomb are all complainers! When you write your own fire then we'll see: Sade to you all!!! At least then you might be clean.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thoughts for the Season: It's not nice to mess with No War.

Congratulations go out to President and Madame Frying for the birth of their daughter Ariel on 3 Sep 98 (let's not make her instantly an 86 year old lady as the press release would have her life is too short as it is).

Boris has added another forgotten deployed son to the mailing list, one Mac Andy Boyle, with whom he was commissioned in 1971. Those wanting to relieve a deployed troop's case of the normal-today syndrome can drop him a line at

MAC Andrew J Boyle II, C/P 04-8267

HOENICHTZ Deployed/OC

AFD NY 85252

By the way, Andy has been threatening to play BAIT/KRIS by mail with Boris for nearly twenty years now, and has yet to set up as Great Blue (claiming he's lost it; sent up 3 or 4 times now). Given his name (Mac) it's likely, well, you know what? Forget it. Our Lord Loring (Africa's last issuer) also deployed over twenty.

Boris is loved by Loney, wishing to get married (not Frying on 3 Sep, Bob Hudson on 4 Sep, Bill Penderg on 20 Sep, He Kd on 22 Sep, Lord Devere on 24 Sep, La Marie on 27 Sep, Lady Hudson, and Mike Decker on 28 Sep. Boris also apologizes to all those birthdays he may have messed over the last year, but it's La Marie's fault as she quit circulating calendars about five years ago.

ALTERNATE ALERT: Alternates are urged to provide orders for both Italy and Russia. Choose either or both (MS to the Pal), replacements will be chosen at random from the orders submitted.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austria retreated A Dre-Ser and disbanded A WAR. England was NMR so GN disbanded F WAL. France built F BRE. Germany built A KIE. Italy was NMR and so didn't build. Russia was NMR so GN retreated A WAR otb then disbanded A VIE and F BAL. Turkey built A Ank and F Smy.

AUSTRIA: A Rom-Ven, A Str-Bud, A Tri G A Rom-Ven, IA Tri S A Rom-Ven, F Alb-Gre;

ENGLAND: NMR LA Yor HI(u,d) OUT;

FRANCE: A Edi-Yor, A Ruh-Bur, A Pie-Tus, A Mar-Pie, F Dre-Mid, F Eng-Wal, F Lon S A Edi-Yor, F Lpl G F Eng-Wal, F Trn H(u);

GERMANY: IA Ber-Sil, IA Kie-Ber, IA Hun-Tril, A Pru-Lvn, A Swer-Fin, F Den-Nth, F Nth-Nwy;

ITALY: NMR IA Ven HI(u,r-???), IF Dre HI(u,u), F lon H(u);

RUSSIA: NMR A Sil H(u);

TURKEY: A Ank-Arm, A Mos-StP, A Ukr-Mos, F Aeg S AUS F Alb-Gre, F Bul(sc) S AUS F Alb-Gre, F Sev-Ria, F Smy-Eas.

Orders in brackets fail, d = unit eliminated due to lack of legal retreat, otb = off the board, r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered. Italian A VEN must either disband or retreat to AFU.

DEADLINE for Fall 1983 orders is 21 Oct 90.



BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"

--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

28 Oct 90

Fall 1905

RUSSIA ELIMINATED! IL DUCE RESIGNS!

MINAS MORGUL--Eschewing survival and embracing a warrior's death, Czar Rezzarday ordered his Palace Guard to one last epic attack on MUN. Alas! A cooler head might have withdrawn to WAR and lived to fight another day, a craftier mind might have attacked and captured BER, but a thirsty soul tried to control the world's beer capital and failed. Meanwhile, in the troubled Med, Il Duce Saunders has resigned as ruler of what's left of Italy in favor of Generalissimo Fagan, whose whereabouts are unknown. With the capture of STP and the establishment of a stalemate line there, the West is in control of 18 centers, Italy two, and the East 15. The German eastward blitz and the battle for Italy may well decide the contest--if the allies keep faith with one another. Germany's theft of BEL from France could be either collection of allocated booty or the beginning of the breakup of the West.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The Kaiser regrets the breakdown in communication with France. As President Fryling knows, the Kaiser is getting married and is quite busy. He decries those calling for one trusted ally to turn on another. The Franco-German alliance is a strong and lasting one come hell or arachnids.

CONSTANTINOPLE--Since this is an "official" Turkish holiday (for celebration), the Royal Press Corps of Turkey has gone to Moscow to partake of VWS! Vodka, Women and Song!

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

ZANESVILLE (OHIO) ZIRCON--Zesty zero-hour zealots zig-zag, zoom and zip a zareba zillah: Zonal zombies zero on zoon zaffer zamia. Zulu's zoning in on zoril's zygotyphye zenana zoom on zinc, zebra zoisite and zephyr zoo zeolites. Zouave's zygomantic zodiac zero's in on Zeus' zemstuo zincate zither. Zounds? Zany!

CLASSIFIEDS

PM to PB--I dare you to title that one om!!!

PB to PM--How's zat?

"Quoth the Raven: Eat my shorts, man!"

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Boris for the lead article. Honorable mention to Zanesville.

This season's recipients of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb are the four of you who were technically NMR.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: Trust everybody, but always cut the cards.
---Findlay Peter Dunne



Congratulations to Dr James Fryling for successfully defending his Ph.D. dissertation 22 Oct. Now if Il Duce Saunders will just defend his Master's thesis...

Darren Fagan, RT 13 Lamar Villa D3, Hattiesburg, MS 39402, (601) 264-9328 has been named as the successor to Il Duce. I don't know yet if he'll actually take over, so alternates are urged to submit orders for Italy. How about it, Lord Devoni?

Address Change: The USPS has changed Boris's ZIPcode to 32547, effective 1 Nov. The old ZIP will be honored for a year, so DON'T PANIC if you've preprinted address labels.

Boris has also signed onto GENie. Those players with modems can sign on likewise for only \$4.95/month for their StarServices (about 100 services including E-mail, an on-line encyclopedia, and stock quotes inter alia) and modem in their orders and press and not have to worry over the vagaries of the USPS. Boris can be reached at P.BOLDUC1; Archduke von Patrick at DONPATRICK. Call 1-800-638-9636 for more info.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Italian A VEN retreated to APU.

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Vie, A Tri S A Ven, A Tr1 S A Ven, A Ven S A Tr1, F Gre S TUR F Aeg-Ion;
FRANCE: [A Bur S GER A Mun](otm), A Pie-Tus, A Tus-Rom, A Yor-Wal, I Lon-Eng, F Lpl-Nat, F Mid-Wes, F Trn S A Tus-Rom, F Wal-Iri;
GERMANY: A Ber-Pru, A Fin-StP, A Kie-Ruh, A Lvn S A Fin-StP, [A Mun-Sil], F Nth-Bel, F Nwy S A Fin-StP;
ITALY: [A Apu-Rom], F Ion-Nap;
RUSSIA: [A Sil-Mun];
TURKEY: A Arm-Sev, A Mos S A StP, [A StP H](d), F Aeg-Ion, F Bla-Con, F Bul(sc)-Aeg, F Eas S F Aeg-Ion.

Orders in brackets fail, d = unit destroyed for lack of retreat, otb = off the board (i.e., disbanded), otm = unit supported on the move, nso = unit not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, r-??? = unit must retreat, u = unordered. Italian fleet ION must retreat to ADR, ALB, APU, NAP, TUN, or otb.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Ser, Tri, -Rom, War, +Gre, +Ven, +Vie	(7) Build 1*
ENG:	-StP	(0) OUT
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, -Bel, Por, Spa, Edi, Lpl, Lon, +Rom	(9) No change
GER:	Ber, Kie, Den, Hol, Nwy, Mun, Swe, +Bel, +StP	(9) Build 2
ITA:	Nap, Tun, -Gre, -Ven	(2) No change
RUS:	-Vie	(0) Tear 1 OUT
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Mos, Sev	(7) Build 1

* Although entitled to build two, Austria only has one open home center, so must play short.

DEADLINE for Spring 1906 orders is 19 Nov 90.



BORIS THE SPIDER



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26 Nov 90

--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

Spring 1906

RIOTS IN TURKEY!

MURKWOOD--Rumors abound concerning the whereabouts of the missing Sultan. Could he be locked up in his harem? Or out in the Arabian outback peasant hunting? Or perhaps at sea? The Porte isn't saying. Meanwhile, the rapprochement between France and the new Italian government has born fruit for both. But what is to be made of the Kaiser's declaration of war against France? Is it merely propaganda or for real? The general deployment of German troops eastward suggests the former. With Turkey verging on civil disorder, a Pan-Germanic alliance could be a crusher.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--It is with great regret that the Kaiser is forced to send troops against the government of France. It has categorically denied the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness of its citizens. It has been a poor ally to his Kaiser's government and his people. Soon France will again be free.

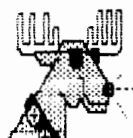
BUDAPEST--The government announced a free chicken giveaway program for the upcoming Christmas holiday season. Citing an abundance of confiscated chicken from the now defunct (and banned) Duce Saunders Italian Fried Chicken chain, the Austrian Minister of Agriculture designed the giveaway to both aid the hungry poor and assist the military which had been tasked with gathering and storing the chickens for the past few months. Reportedly, an entire detachment of Austrian troops, commanded by an officer who'd become known as the real "chicken" colonel, has been cooped up tending to this foul duty.

PARIS--President Fryling applauded the recent change of government in Italy as a great step forward in resolving Italian problems both foreign and domestic. With the chaotic Saunders' government finally undergoing spontaneous decomposition the level-headed and forthright diplomacy of the Fagan government will provide a welcome form of relief to all the civilized governments of the world (unfortunately for the Turkish government they do not fall into that category). The President promised whatever help is necessary to repel the coming Turkish invaders and evict their Austrian puppets from VEN. Negotiations on the smooth return of ROM to Italian control are continuing.

PARIS--The Department of the Navy confirmed reports that sailors in TYN are finding literally millions of dead fish of all kinds. Scientists associated with the Navy postulate that the Turkish forces currently in ION are taking their time off to go swimming and the resulting pollution is responsible for the fish kill. Prevailing currents then carry the fish to TYN. Support for this hypothesis is given by the fact that both BLA and the Dead Sea owe their names to the influence of the Turkish peoples. Woe to the world if the Turks should ever make it to the Atlantic!

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

INVERNESS UNDERGROUND--Dispatch from 1st Royal Camel Regiment to



Director of Royal Middle Eastern Forces:

We have successfully concluded our deployment to the realm of Sultan Ali Pete. From personal observation I now fully understand why the ruling party of this country has chosen the foreign policy it has. The Sultan has obviously given up on this deplorable land and has set a goal of moving his seat of power to MOS. If that is not his goal, he would be wise to consider it. Mother Russia has to be a cleaner and a more wholesome land. Unfortunately the First Regiment was not called upon to "Sally forth to the North" with the Islamic horde. The change in climate would be welcomed by all. Unfortunately our goal lay to the west of that land, hence our move. We have a mission to decimate the forces of another Islamic fool. We await patiently for our chance to see first hand if his country is as filthy. If it proves to be so, as expected, we shall unleash the fire from the sky to cleanse the land. So while the Turks run off for vodka, women, and song we shall have SM,NW&C (San Miguel, no women and coconuts).

--Lord Loring, 1st Royal Camel Regiment

LE MONDE--The Misanthropic Short Neofascists Against Radicalism (MSNAR) claimed responsibility for a terrorist attack on the Foreign Ministry last week. The MSNAR detonated a small explosive device filled with surfactants in the fountain outside the ministry offices. The Fifth Bureau is investigating and hopes to apprehend the ring leaders soon.

CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted: A Happy Thanksgiving for all our American friends.

Pretty dramatic, eh?

PM to Gen Fag--Let's be fairy good friends.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes jointly this season to the authors of the articles datelined Budapest, the second Paris, and *Le Monde*.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Sultan Ali Pete. Apathy in times of national crisis is treasonous, cf Rev. 3:15-6.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: We tend to become like the worst in those we oppose.
--Bene Gesserit Coda

President Fryling is moving back to the AF Academy, effective 10 Dec. We'll be expecting Christmas cards with his new address. Sultan Ali Pete will be in Texas on active duty the first few weeks of Jan.

Alternate Alert: I hope Ali Pete will be back next time, but alternates (and deposed monarchs) are invited to submit orders for Turkey. As this is a plum position I expect the competition to be hot. Incidentally, Pete's phone number has changed, and perhaps his address:

Brad Wilson, party-thrower extraordinaire and publisher of *Vertigo*, is looking for a few brave souls to be alternates in COLONIA IV, a world sized variant on DIP set in 1751. Boris has been shanghai'd into being the bulwark of Orthodoxy, Imperial Russia. Countries involved are Austria, China, England, France, Netherlands, Ottomans, Portugal, Russia, Spain. There appears to be some fanciful allocations of colonies (AUS owns Florida? RUS in Tahiti?), but all in the name of play balance I'm sure. If interested, send Brad a note at: PO Box, 126, Wayne, PA 19007. Cost of a subscription to *Vertigo* is \$4 for 10 issues.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austria built A Bud, Germany built A Ber & A Kie, Italy retreated F Ion-Nap, Turkey was NMR, so did not build.

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Gal, [A Tri-Ven], A Trl S A Tri-Ven, A Ven-Pie, [A Vie-Boh], F Gre-Alb;

FRANCE: A Bur-Mar, A Rom S ITA A Apu-Ven, A Tus S ITA A Apu-Ven, A Wal-Bre, F Eng C A Wal-Bre, F Iri H, F NAT-Mid, F Tyn S F Wes-Tun, F Wes-Tun;

GERMANY: A Ber-Sil, [A Kie-Mun], A Lvn S A Pru-War, [A Mun-Boh], A Pru-War, A Ruh-Bur, [A StP-Mos], [F Bel-Eng], F Nwy-Nwg;

ITALY: A Apu-Ven, [F Nap-Ion];

TURKEY: NMR A Mos H(u), A Sev H(u), F Aeg H(u), F Con H(u), F Eas H(u), F Ion H(u).

Orders in brackets fail, u = unit unordered.

 DEADLINE for Fall 1906 orders is 7 Jan 91.

ACTIVE PLAYERS

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GER: Kaiser Bill Wilson 1202-B Iberville Ocean Springs, MS 39564 (601) 872-1255	ITA: Generalissimo Darren Fagan RT 13 Lamar Villa D3 Hattiesburg, MS 39402 (601) 264-9328
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TUR: Sultan Ali Pete Meyer 833 W. Huntington Arcadia, CA 91007 (213) 696-0412	GM: Paul R. Bolduc 203 Devon Ct. Wright, FL 32547-3110 (904) 863-9081
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The first step in the construction of the \mathcal{H}^1 -norm is to define the \mathcal{H}^0 -norm. The \mathcal{H}^0 -norm is defined as the L^2 -norm of the function u over the domain Ω . The \mathcal{H}^1 -norm is then defined as the \mathcal{H}^0 -norm plus the L^2 -norm of the gradient of u . The \mathcal{H}^1 -norm is then used to define the \mathcal{H}^1 -inner product, which is the \mathcal{H}^0 -inner product plus the L^2 -inner product of the gradients of the functions.

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where it will starve to death. Turkish A MOS may retreat to SEV, UKR, or OTB, if the latter occurs, Turkey may build two.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Ber, Tri, War, -Gre, Ven, Vie	(5)	Even
FRA:	Bre, Har, Par, Poi, Spa, Edi, Lpl, Lun, Rom, -Nap, -Tun	(11)	Build 2
GER:	Ber, Kie, Den, Hol, Nwy, Hun, Swe, Bel, SCP, -Mos, -War	(11)	Build 14
ITA:	-Nap, -Tun	(0)	001
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, -Mos, Sev, Iste	(7)	Build 1**

* Although eligible to build two, Germany only has one open center.

** If A MOS retreats OTB, Turkey may build two.

DEADLINE for Spring 1987 orders is 11 Feb 71.

ACTIVE PLAYERS

<p>AUS: Archibald Donald von Patrick 5100 Circle G Austin, TX 78756 (512) 298-3256</p>	<p>IRA: Emperor James Hyling 7700 Summit Ridge Place Colorado Springs, CO 80920 (719) 594-5204</p>
<p>GER: Kaiser Bill Wilson 1292-B Iberville Olean Springs, MS 39564 (601) 372-1255</p>	<p>UKR: Wazir Jon Langbert Chase Bldg Harvard Business School Boston, MA 02163 (617) 495-5504</p>
<p>GM: Paul R. Foiduc 163 Devon Ct Wright, FL 32947 (904) 863-7601</p>	



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17 Feb 91

Spring 1907

ARE THE FRENCH MAKING THEIR MOVE?

MINAS MORBUL--French forces have begun a perceptible shift eastward as if in preparation for an attack on Germany. Propaganda emanating from Paris has also become increasingly critical of the Kaiser's government. Is this another piece of histrionics, or is the so-called God-King about to try to fulfill his megalomaniacal ambitions? Meanwhile the noose about Austria is tightening, with Turkey seeking to recoup all the territories lost since the 17th Century. Could a Paris-Vienna Axis be in the making? Certainly aiding the Habsburgs, Europe's oldest extant dynasty, would lend respectability to a stab of the Hohenzollerns, mere upstarts in the contest for Pan-Germanic hegemony.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The Kaiser's wedding was a lavish and holy affair with Emperor Fryling of France serving as best man. Leaving the cathedral with his beautiful bride, he stopped on the front steps to give this statement on the war effort: "I pledge to postpone my honeymoon until the Archduke Satan's eyes are plucked out by Teutonic birds and the bones of his army lie bleaching in the sun atop green hills of eidelwiess."

PARIS--After observing recent world press, the Emperor/God-King was found to comment, "So Kaiser, you've had another wench all this time. Now you'll be lonely indeed. Out of my bed, you two-timer!"

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG--Your Society editor has learned that Privatissimo Fagan has taken up temporary residence with Il Douche near the banking district so as to be near all of their looted lira.

CLASSIFIEDS

To my Valentine: Thank's for shooting cupid's arrow through my heart.

WW to JF: Happy V.D.

Q: Why is it easy to train an Iraqi pilot?

A: You only have to teach him to take off.

Q: What do Baghdad, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki have in common?

A: Nothing. Yet.

DATELINE "BUFFs over Baghdad" --- Hey Saddam, Eat my shorts man!

For the less educated: Big Ugly Fat Fuckers

For the even less educated: nickname for a B-52 bomber

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the *Neue Zuercher Zeitung* article.

This season no Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb will be awarded.



BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: The true warrior often understands his enemy better than he understands his friends. A dangerous pitfall if you let understanding lead to sympathy as it will naturally do when left unguided.
---Bashar Miles Teg

Desert Storm Update: Ex-BORISer Jack Shacklett has been deployed from England to Desert Storm. His address, should you care to write, is Maj Jack Shacklett 404-72-3568, AFSOC Deployed/A3, APO NY 09855. Sultan Ali Pete (aka Capt Peter Meyer) and his reserve unit have also been deployed (no deployed address available yet). Lord Loring reports in a letter dated 24 Jan, "I have good news and bad news for you. The good news is that we're delivering your request. The bad news is it ain't going to Baghdad. You'll just have to settle for a hit on the Republican Guard in Kuwait. We're delivering CBU-52 (SUU-30 clusters) anti-armor packages on asshole control.... Personally stencilled from DR DUCK compliments of Damage Incorporated ... (my crew)."

On a more somber note, we lost an AC-130H gunship over Kuwait on 31 Jan. As most of you know, I spent nine years in the only AC-130H squadron. Fourteen of my brethren are listed as MIA. I personally know two of the crew and probably know two more. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Turkish A MOS retreated to SEV. France built A PAR and F BRE; Germany built A KIE; Turkey built A Con.

AUSTRIA: A Gal H, A Tr1 S A Ven, A Ven H, A Vie S A Gal, F Adr S A Ven;
FRANCE: A Gas-Bur, A Par S A Gas-Bur, A Pie-Mar, A Rom S A Tus-Ven, [A Tus-Ven], F Bre-Pic, F Eng-Nth, F Mid-Eng, F Nap-Ion, F Tun S F Wes-Trn, F Wes-Trn;
GERMANY: A Ber-Pru, A Bur-Mun, A Kie-Ber, [A Lvn-War], [A Mos-Sev], A Mun-Boh, A Sil S A War-Gal, [A War-Gal], F Bel H, F Nwy H;
TURKEY: A Con-Bul, A Rum-Ser, [A Sev S F Bul-Rum], F Aeg-Gre; F Bul(ec)-Rum, F Gre-Alb; [F Ion S F Gre-Alb].

Orders in brackets fail.

DEADLINE for Fall 1907 orders is 18 Mar 91.



BORIS THE SPIDER



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25 Mar 91

Fall 1907

KAISER RESIGNS! RIOTS IN TURKEY!

MURKWOOD--Citing "a medical need to breathe the bracing English salt air", Kaiser Bill has resigned, leaving the secession question wide open. It would seem the demands of being newlywed and the perfidious treachery of God-King Wormtongue were just too much for his delicate constitution. Wazir Jon too seems to be taking the sea air while the Ottoman Empire crumbles. The hapless Habsburgs, meanwhile, have managed to lose two centers to an ally and a foe in civil disarray. Wormtongue, needing only four more centers for victory, will find the going slow as he runs into a wall of German armies and Turkish fleets. Expect some German counterplay in Scotland. Resistance to further French forays must be encouraged, lest the Chief Bug's plan fail.

EMBASSY BEAT

WASHINGTON--The Navy Department, citing the growing French naval threat, has begun lobbying Congress for the construction of a 600 ship fleet. "We're looking at a three ocean war," said one high ranking officer on the condition he would remain anonymous, "one in the North Atlantic, one in the South Atlantic/Caribbean, and one in the Pacific. We have damn few coaling stations to the south and not enough colliers to service a full fledged fleet conducting operations from Florida to the Cape of Good Hope."

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG--(Gossip column) A steady of stream of visitors have been making nocturnal pilgrimages to the residences of Il former Duce, Privatissimo Fagan, and ex-Tsar Tone. Can they be plotting to gain control of either Germany or Turkey? My sources say "Yes!"

CLASSIFIEDS

Aus to Ita: delenda est Carthago

God-King looking for new honorifics, inquire Mme Marcy, Rome. All decisions final.

Boris to A-H: Brevi delenda erit Habsburgi

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Boris for the lead article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Turkey. Could he be purposely sending his country into civil revolt? He could have sent orders anyway.

The Boris "Eagle-eye" award goes to Wazir Jon for spotting that French F Nap-Ion should've been in brackets last time. Good show!

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: I have discovered the art of fooling diplomats: I speak the truth and they never believe me.

--Conte Camillo de Cavour



Alternate Alert: "Kaiser" Bill Wilson has resigned due to PCS orders to Upper Heyford, UK. "Wazir" Jon left on spring break without sending orders. So Alternates are urged to submit orders for both Germany and Turkey. As is customary, Ms Nar will randomly select a set of orders and the lucky winner will be the new Kaiser. Hopefully, Jon will be back next time; if not, Sultan Ali Pete will have first dibs, otherwise Ms Nar will again do her thing.

Comet-Eye Games (Rt 1, Box 160, Payson, IL 62360) is offering GM services for games of EXCALIBUR, NEW WORLD, GLOBAL CHALLENGE/LEADER'S AIM, and a variant of CIVILIZATION. First game played is free, second or follow up games are \$6-\$10 depending on the game. Sounds like they'll consider GM'ing other stuff if there is enough interest.

The coming months are full of gaming events and reasons to visit your fellow Boris'ers. ShoreCon (5-12 Jun) in Avalon, NJ is a week long version of Vertigo Games. The New Orleans Science Fiction and Fantasy Festival (NOSFF--21-23 Jun) in New Orleans (two hours away from Privatissimo Fagan) emphasizes SF&F. Origins/AtlantiCon (4-7 Jul) in Baltimore is the granddaddy of gaming conventions, and Il Duce lives conveniently close. DipCon (2-4 Aug) in Toronto, ONT will be the North American DIPLOMACY championship. AvalonCon (23-25 Aug) in Camp Hill, PA offers the "world championships" in dozens of AH games. Armadillo-Con (11-13 Oct) in Austin, TX ought to appeal to the trekkie in you; Archduke von Patrick dwells nearby. Contact Boris for further details.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Gal-Bud, [A Tri-Mun], A Ven-Tri, [A Vie-Boh], F Adr S A Ven-Tri;
FRANCE: A Bur S AUS A Tri-Mun, A Mar-Fie, A Par-Pic, A Rom S A Tus-Ven, A Tus-Ven, F Eng S F Pic-Bel, F Nap S F Tun-Ion, F Nth-Den, F Pic-Bel, F Tun-Ion, F Tyn S F Tun-Ion;
GERMANY: A Ber-Kie, [A Boh-Mun], A Lvn-StP, A Mos H, A Mun-Ruh, A Pru-Ber, A Sil S A Boh-Mun, A War H, F Bel-Nth, F Nwy S F Bel-Nth;
TURKEY: NMR A Bul H(u), A Ser H(u), A Sev H(u), F Alb H(u), F Gre H(u), F Ion H(u)(r-???), F Rum H(u).

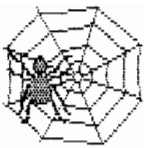
Orders in brackets fail, otb = off the board, r-??? = unit must retreat somewhere, u = unordered. Turkish F ION must retreat either otb or to AEG, APU, or EAS.

SUPPLY CENTERS

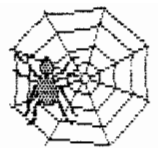
AUS: Bud, -Ser, Tri, -Ven, Vie (3) Tear 2
FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Edi, Lpl, Lon, Rom, Nap, Tun, +Bel, +Den, +Ven (14) Build 3
GER: Ber, Kie, -Den, Hol, Nwy, Mun, Swe, -Bel, StP, Mos, War (9) Tear 1
TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum Sev, Gre, +Ser (8) Build 1*

* If Turkish F ION retreats otb, Turkey may build two.

DEADLINE for Winter 1907/08 & Spring 1908 orders is 22 Apr 91.



BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"

--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

27 Apr 91

Winter 1907/08

RIOTS IN AUSTRIA!

CLIFFHOME--German inspired riots have wracked the Dual Monarchy as the One Germany Party pushes for formal unification with Berlin. As might be expected, the Magyars, Bohemians, Croats, Slovenes, and Poles in the Empire are less than enthusiastic about the idea. Germany was having a rough time replacing abdicated Kaiser Bill, as all the royal candidates were either French dupes or freshly dead bodies. The "God-King" is blatantly trying to destabilize the final obstacle to his global domination. Our agents finally convinced Feldmarschall von Cohn to pull off a putsch and to declare martial law in the face of the expected French onslaught. Given maximum German resistance, we believe that once the full force of the Turkish Navy can be brought to bear, France's prospects will begin to wane. The Chief Bug's plan will be restored.

EMBASSY BEAT

WASHINGTON--The growing chaos in Central Europe has veteran State Dept analysts extremely nervous. In the words of one senior analyst, "the world has never before seen such a concentration of military might. The prospects for a world-wide war increase every day. It is inevitable that America will be drawn into it, as one side or the other will start violating the neutral status of our commerce. Then we will be forced to join the other side, and God help us all."

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

SACRAMENTO BEE--Entomologists are predicting another outbreak of giant spiders in late spring. The citizenry is warned to keep small pets and toddlers indoors during the two-week outbreak.

CLASSIFIEDS

JAF-DLP: I'll just have to trust you.

Il Duce-Ms Nar: C'mon up for Origins!

BOOS AND KUDOS

No Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence will be given this season.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Budsy bomb is Archduke von Patrick for his NHR.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: It is a principle of DIPLOMACY that one must tell something of the truth to lie convincingly.

--Tom Clancy

Alternate Alert: Alternates are requested to submit orders for Austria for Spring 1908. The usual procedure applies.

New Player: Our new German player is Martin Cohn. See the Roster below for address etc.



IMPORTANT: Boris is leaving town the afternoon of the 25th so the next issue will have to be typed the previous night. Get your orders in on time or NMR!

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Turkish F ION retreated to APU.

AUSTRIA: NMR. GM tears F ADR & A TRL as per Rule XIV.4

FRANCE: Build A PAR, F BRE, F MAR

GERMANY: Tear A BER

TURKEY: Build F SMY

DEADLINE for Spring 1908 orders is 20 May 91.

ACTIVE PLAYERS

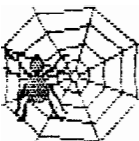
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25 May 91

Spring 1908

GERMANS INVADE BRITAIN!

MINAS MORGUL--Cheers rang out around the planet as the news of the German landing outside of Edinburgh spread like wildfire. Prim exiled British matrons in Geneva joined crowded throngs in beerhalls and lustily sang "Deutschland uber Alles" and "God Save the King". Elsewhere the universally despised French were hung in effigy (and in person, if possible), tar and feathered, or forced to listen to recordings of the God-King's radio broadcasts. In all the hubbub, no one outside of the Porte and Vienna seems to have noticed the Austrian army slipping back into SER. Indeed, all goes well.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--Patrick Seamus O'Shaunessey, the Irish Republican Army's representative to the Imperial Court and Sir James Eckert, a member of His Britannic Majesty's Government-in-Exile met with Fieldmarshal von Cohn this past week. The Fieldmarshal called the meeting "very productive." O'Shaunessey's only comment was "... And we thought the Brits were bad!"

BUDAPEST: "Cheer, Cheer for old Budda High" as the Budapest Indians trounced the German Mongols in the state-sponsored pastry tournament. Featuring a delicate cream puff d'jour, this ancient French feast-of-the-day easily captured the judge's hearts. The runner-up Mongols tried a special chocolate wall speckled with yellow frosting bits, green clovers, and pink hearts. The winning entry was centered in ripe, red raspberrys, lemon-yellow rinds, and orange-orange rings. Chief Judge "Rabbit" Trix commented that "Pastry was not just for breakfast, anymore!" and encouraged everyone to "taste these lucky charms of Austrian juvenilia, they're magically delicious!"

PARIS--God-King seeks urgent liason with Feldmarschal wanting to offer tribute; however, your grossmutter (Bell) is interfering. Please respond soonest.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

WASHINGTON POST--The US Naval Attache has received a quiet note to warn U.S. and all unalligned citizens to avoid French liners. The Attache also noted that on his last visit to the naval yards the sub pens were empty.

CLASSIFIEDS

God-King has seen the light and has amended his ways. Any who desire a profitable alliance, please call.

The morals of the President of France
Have us savages looking askance.
His superior smile
is a bore after awhile,
And *why* are his hands in his pants?

Aus to All: cave canem



BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to ~~the~~ ~~savior~~ Austria for his Budapest article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is Wazir Jon for "persistent lack of press."

BORIS CHLAKO:

Thought for the Season: "I adore diplomacy. Everyone dresses so well".
--Lwaxana Troi

A new DIPazine in need of subscribers is *Power DIP*, published by Matt Miller, 264 Carroll Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556. He has openings in regular DIP and Gunboat. Gunboat is a no press, no player contact variant. It ought to be perfect for those of you who hate to write! Are you game Don?

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Ser, A Tri S A Bud-Ser, A Vie S A Tri;
FRANCE: A Bur S A Pic-Bel, A Par-Pic, A Pic-Bel, A Hie-Tri, A Rom-Apu, A Ven S A Pie-Tri, F Bel-Nth, F Bre-Mid, F Den S F Bel-Nth, F Eng S F Bel-Nth, LF Ion-East, F Mar-Lyo, F Nap S A Rom-Apu, F Tyn-Tun;
GERMANY: A Boh-Hun, A Kie S A Ruh-Hoi, A Mos H, A Ruh-Hoi, A StP-Nwy, A War-Gal, F Nth-Edi, F Nwy-Ska;
TURKEY: A Bul-Gre, [A Ser-Bud(r-???), LA Sev-Mos], F Alb S F Apu-Adr, F Apu-Adr, F Gre-Aeg, F Rum H, LF Smy-East.

Turkish A Ser must retreat to either Bul or Alb. Orders in brackets fail, alb = off the board; r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered.

DEADLINE for Fall 1988 orders is 24 Jun 91.



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30 Jun 91

Fall 1908

RIOTS IN TURKEY!

MURKWOOD--Turkish forces are in a state of total paralysis, as if the French viper has them enthralled in its hypnotic gaze. Austria frenetically tries to hold on to its heartland. The German forces seem to be largely flapping around like a fish out of water. While a French victory is neither assured nor inevitable, the chances of one sooner rather than later are enhanced by the other Powers' lack of communication and coordination. This is not helped by Feldmarschall von Cohn's banning of telephones and telegraphs in his domain nor Wazir Jon's proclivity for pilgrimages. Archduke von Patrick's forces alone are too weak to be more than an irritant to the French juggernaut. We must advise the Chief Bug that his plan is close to failure and that an invasion flotilla should be prepared against the day of French victory.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERN--Sources close to the Porte suggest one of two interpretations for the recent indecision manifested there. The first is that Wazir Jon, is still in complete control, but has taken another of his innumerable pilgrimages to Mecca. The absence of strong, direct supervision has made the Imperial bureaucracy even more timid and inefficient. The second interpretation is that the Wazir has been imprisoned and that a power struggle has erupted between two of the royal heirs--or, as one source has it, with a returning Sultan Ali Pete. The second case could well mean that strong leadership may be established in the near future.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

CHEMTECH--Superconducting wires have been made by chemical vapor deposition of a thin film of superconducting materials on flexible metal or ceramic filaments. Deposition rates in this new process are 50-200 times higher than conventional chemical vapor deposition. The wire is able to carry a current density of 40,000 A/cm² at 85 K. Contact John Tune at 404-894-3444.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Stuff to fill this space.

Oh, Henry, you're so theoretical!

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the Murkwood article.

This season's recipients of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is EVERYONE!
Disappointment reigns supreme.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: Vulgo totis castris testamento obsignabantur.
--J. Caesar, The Gallic Wars

Three ex-Borisers have returned stateside since our last issue. Pete Meyer is back from Reserve duty in the Persian Gulf, Jack Shacklett and family, presently vacationing in KY, are PCS'ing back to the FWB area



in a few weeks, and Wayne Morrison and his family, presently visiting in nearby Destin, have PSC'd back as "Mt Pinatubo refugees" and will probably be heading down to Homestead towards the end of July. Wayne and family left most of their household goods at Clark (including, alas!, some of his games); it's a toss-up whether they'll ever be recovered.

ALTERNATE ALERT: Alternates are invited to submit orders for Turkey in case Jon is again NMR next season. In that event, Pete Meyer, as the original Sultan, will have dibs if he should wish to resume the portfolio; otherwise Ms Nar will be cast in the role of Lachesis and randomly determine the new Sultan.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Turkish A SER was not retreated and so was destroyed.

AUSTRIA: A Ser H, [A Tri-Bud](d), [A Vie-Bud];

FRANCE: A Apu-Rom, A Bel S F Nth-Hol, [A Bur-Mun], A Pic-Wal, A Trl-Tri, A Ven S A Trl-Tri, [F Den-Kie], F Eng C A Pic-Wal, [F Ion-Gre], F Lyo-Trn, F Mid-Nat, F Nap-Apu, F Nth-Hol, [F Tun-Ion];

GERMANY: [A Gal-Rum], [A Kie S A Hol], [A Hol H](u, r-???), [A Mos-Sev], A Mun H(u), A Nwy H, A Sil S A Mun, F Edi H, [F Ska-Den];

TURKEY: NMR A Gre H(u), A Sev H(u), F Adr H(u), F Aeg H(u), F Alb H(u), F Rum H(u), F Smy H(u).

Orders in brackets fail, d = unit destroyed for lack of legal retreat, r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS: Bud, -Tri, Vie, +Ser (3) Build 1

FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, -Edi, Lpl, Lon, Rom, Nap, Tun, Bel, Den, Ven, +Hol, +Tri (15) Build 1

GER: Ber, Kie, -Hol, Nwy, Mun, Swe, StP, Mos, War, +Edi (9) Even *

TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum Sev, Gre, -Ser (7) Even

* If German A HOL retreats otb, Germany may build in BER.

DEADLINE for Spring 1909 orders is 22 Jul 91.



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27 Jul 91

Spring 1909

ALI JACK RETURNS!

CLIFFHOME--The exiled former Foreign Minister of the Ottoman Empire has emerged from the gynocratic harem infighting as the newly crowned Sultan. It is widely believed that the avuncular Ali Jack was a compromise candidate between the factions supporting the studly former Sultan Ali Pete and the effeminate Ali Ben Dover. He should provide the East the stability it has lacked for the past few years. But it is in the West and the South that the battle may be lost in the next 18 months. France will surely retake EDI in the Fall to compensate for TRI. Both MUN and KIE beckon and an invasion into Anatolia or SYR are distinct possibilities. The Chief Bug's Plan is hanging by a thread. Only by totally cooperating can Austria, Germany and Turkey hope to form a stable stalemate line to forestall a French victory.

EMBASSY BEAT

BUDAPEST--Dark smoke filled the air as government offices destroyed official papers in preparation for evacuation resulting from the French invasion of Austria-Hungary. A valiant but rag-tag Imperial Army maneuvered to repulse the invaders as roads became clogged with citizens seeking refuge in the mountains. Prospects for peace look less and less likely as the fires burning the last of the Italian empire glow brightly in the west, and a Turkish government totters in the southeast.

PARIS--President Fryling announced today the formation of a new Army of Paris--an army composed entirely of men and materiel captured from foreign aggressors. "These troops are in a fighting frenzy," the President declared. "They've seen how just and right our cause is and they're inflamed with hatred for their former commanders--those who ripped them from their families and compelled them to fight under the threat of torture," he said. "Now they fight for honor--and revenge." The new unit will probably first see use against the German marauders since 30% of the men are Dutch citizens captured during the liberation of HOL last Fall.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEW ORLEANS POST--The world was shocked this morning when an anonymous photographer released pictures of a foreign head of state practicing fortune telling at the Convention for the Occult last October here in New Orleans. Wazir Jon Langbert of Turkey was discovered reading fortunes in a crystal ball and was later seen leading a group of witches in a spell casting ceremony. What this photo release portends for the Turkish Empire is as yet unforeseen.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Any form of communication from any of the other world leaders. I want to play DIPLOMACY, not RISK! --God-King Emperor etc.

JF to DP: A diplomat should talk nicely while carrying a knife, not talk arrogantly while carrying only grudges.



BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the *New Orleans Post* article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Wazir Jon.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: The only tool DIPLOMACY has is language.

--Ambassador Hodin of Gideon

We have a new Grand Turk. Jack Shacklett wandered back into town just in time to get shanghaied into assuming the Turkish portfolio. Jack and Rose have just bought a new house (address and phone below), but won't be moving in until at least 15 Aug. Suggest you mail your diplomatic missives to him c/o the GM. Or maybe he'll call you from the TLQ after 2 Aug.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

German A HOL retreated otb. Austria builds A BUD; France builds A PAR; GERMANY builds A BER.

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Tri, A Ser S A Bud-Tri, A Vie S A Bud-Tri;

FRANCE: A Bel S A Bur-Ruh, A Bur-Ruh, A Par-Bur, A Rom S A Ven, [A Tri-Alb](d), A Ven S A Rom, A Wal-Yor, F Apu S F Ion-Adr, [F Den-Kie], [F Eng-Nth], F Hol S F Den-Kie, F Ion-Adr, F NAt-Cly, F Trn S F Tun-Ion, F Tun-Ion;

GERMANY: [A Ber-Kie], A Gal-Ukr, [A Kie-Den], A Mos-Sev, A Mun-Trl, A Nwy H, A Sil-Mun, [F Edi-Nth], F Ska S A Kie-Den;

TURKEY: A Gre S AUS A Ser, A Sev-Arm, [F Adr S F Alb](d), F Aeg S F Smy-Eas, [F Alb S F Adr], F Smy-Eas, F Rum-Bla.

Orders in brackets fail, d = destroyed due to lack of retreat, otb = off the board, r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered.

DEADLINE for Fall 1909 orders is 19 Aug 91.

ACTIVE PLAYERS

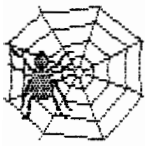
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25 Aug 91

Fall 1909

STALEMATE LINE JELLING!

MINAS MORBUL--Anti-Fryling forces have seemed to crystallize on the eastern side of a line running EAS-AEG-GRE-ALB-TRI-TRL-MUN-KIE-DEN-SWE. If this could be held--or even expanded--the Chief Bug's Plan will be well served. If the French fleet in ADR could be crushed, VEN could be vulnerable to Germano-Austro-Turkish (GAT) capture. Once ION is breached, GAT threats may overwhelm the forces available. On the other hand, given the shoal of French Fleets in the North, Scandinavia and STP could be the final four centers needed for French victory. The French retreat here is the key. A retreat into BAL would auger bad news and Germany should plan accordingly.

EMBASSY BEAT

ANKARA--The War Ministry announced the destruction of the Adriatic squadron by French forces. The Admiralty and Army General Staff will continue to confront French aggression in alliance with German and Austro-Hungarian armed forces until a peaceful diplomatic solution is found.

The War Ministry expressed profound thankfulness for the support from the German armies rushed to Sevastopol for embarkation to bolster the Balkan states. However, the Ministry now has sufficient forces in place to protect the southern flank. Thus the German forces can return north to protect the northern flank.

BUDAPEST--Celebrations over the liberation of TRI took a back seat to revelations from the Navy Department in a scandal that rocked the Empire and could cripple any attempt to rebuild the Navy for a long time to come. Admiral of the Navies F. W. von Herman was indicted on several counts of lewd behavior for allegedly exposing himself to his men aboard his flagship. According to secret Navy documents just released, Admiral von Herman's actions so distracted the sailors that their performance levels were shattered. When the climactic final battle occurred which resulted in the flagship's loss, the war cry "French!" was misinterpreted and instead of running to man their cannons, they manned each other. One naval lieutenant, a survivor of the battle, testified the disaster could have been a lot worse had the Greek Navy chosen to attack them from the rear.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

INSATANTBULL DAILY--The Office of the Sultan has announced that preliminary talks have been completed to allow free passage of pilgrims through the war torn ION. The accord allows Muslims from the occupied North African nations to make pilgrimages to the Holy Lands without interference in return for Christians making unhindered pilgrimages to the Holy Land also.

The Sultan expressed hopes that these talks will be a precursor to a general armistice and cessation of all hostilities. Comments from the capitals of Germany and Austria-Hungary have not been received as of yet although a favorable outlook is desired.



CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted: A few dead Frenchmen.

DP to JF: Diplomat? Who dares call me a diplomat! I'm a soldier. I travel to strange and exotic places, experience alien cultures, meet different peoples, and kill them.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Austria for his Budapest dateline.

Ms Nar jointly awards a Super-Sudsy bomb to all who were late.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: It ain't over until it's over.

--Lawrence "Yogi" Berra

Wayne Morrison has finally got a permanent address. It's 4911-B Wyvern Terrace, Homestead AFB, FL 33039, (305) 258-3093. He's HUNGRY for some postal action, so those of you wanting to play SST, FE, FITG, ACQ, and soon RB, TRC, and DIP, send him a challenge.

By the way, BORIS would be interested in GM'ing a postal FITG game, since it seems it can't easily be done postally without a GM.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Ser S A Tri, A Tri S A Ser, A Vie S A Tri;
FRANCE: [A Bel-Ruh], A Bur S A Bel-Ruh, A Rom S A Ven, [A Ruh-Mun],
A Ven S A Rom, A Yor-Edi, F Adr S F Tyn-Ion, F Apu S F
Tyn-Ion, F Cly S A Yor-Edi, [F Den-Ska](r-???), F Eng-Nth,
F Hol S F Eng-Nth, [F Ion-Alb], [F Tyn-Ion];
GERMANY: A Ber-Kie, A Kie-Den, [A Mun S A Ber-Kie], A Nwy-Swe, A Sev
H, [A Tri S AUS A TRI-VEN](nso), A Ukr S A Sev, F Edi-Nwg, F
Ska S A Kie-Den;
TURKEY: A Arm-Smy, [A Gre-Alb], [F Alb-Ion], F Aeg S F Alb-Ion, F
Bla-Con, F Eas S F Alb-Ion.

Orders in brackets fail, nso = unit not so ordered, otb = off the board (i.e., disbanded), r-??? = unit must either retreat, u = unordered. French F DEN must retreat otb, BAL or HEL. If it retreats otb, France may build one.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Vie, Ser, +Tri	(4)	Build 1
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Lpl, Lon, Rom, Nap, Tun, Bel, -Den, Ven, Hol, -Tri, +Edi	(14)	Even*
GER:	Ber, Kie, Nwy, Mun, Swe, StP, Mos, War, -Edi, +Den, +Sev	(10)	Build 1
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, -Sev, Gre	(6)	Even

*If French F DEN retreats otb, France may BUILD 1.

DEADLINE for Spring 1910 orders is 23 Sep 91.



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30 Sep 91

Spring 1910

RIOTS IN GERMANY!

MURKWOOD--Europe is abuzz at the disappearance of Feldmarschall von Cohn at this crucial hour. Without his strong hand at the helm, Germany has lost an opportunity to build and defend KIE. Our agents tell a fantastic story that von Cohn is in SEV or UKR disguised as a Jewish milkman personally trying to build an underground to both resist the expected Turkish reoccupation and to foment opinion for an official annexation to the German Reich. However, with the capture of KIE, the French are only three centers from victory with DEN, MUN, NWY, STP, and SWE all hanging like ripe fruit.

EMBASSY BEAT

INSATNBUL--The Sultan today confirmed rumors that the war with France will unfortunately continue. The impasse occurred due to an incident involving the passage of pilgrims from Algeria to the Holy Lands. French troops surrounded a small delegation of pilgrims accusing them of being spies for Austria.

The Sultan in consultation with the Austrian ambassador determined that the pilgrims were indeed just pilgrims. The Sultan demanded their release but the French insist that the pilgrims have documents on their fortifications in Algeria.

The French have not been hindering movement of resupply ships to the Pilgrims held in the city of Tripoli but the aid must pass an ugly corridor of French troops. The Sultan has warned the French that any further delay in the pilgrims' release will only intensify the war instead of achieving an armistice.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

BUCHAREST BUGLE--Reports from Sevastopol indicate that some of the German troops have insulted the Faithful of that city and have been seen publicly drunk in the streets. This contravention of the status of forces between the Turkish and German governments has caused strained relations between the two powers. The Sultan has indicated that a further delay by the German forces in the area of SEV instead of fighting the French menace in the North would be a clear indication of imperialistic intent instead of a firm alliance.

CLASSIFIEDS

Wheel chair wanted for old duck. Powered chair with built in ice cooler preferred. Reasonable offers considered only. Contact proprietor of the Drunken Duck Pub for further information.

Proprietor to Advertiser--Ms Nar won't like it that you forgot the color TV programmed to tune into Cubs games in the specs for that contrivance of hers. And what does "Reasonable offers considered only" mean? Is that code for "No government contractors allowed"?

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the authors of the classifieds.



This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Feldmarschall von Cohn for dereliction of duty. If he really wanted to stay in the game, he'd have found a means to communicate orders and/or press.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: The joy of contemplating another's misfortunes is the purest of joy.
--Wagner

ALTERNATE ALERT: Alternates are invited to submit Fall 1910 orders for Germany. Should Martin be NMR again next time one set of orders from those submitted will be chosen at random by the Mighty Ms Nar and the lucky submitter will assume the German portfolio.

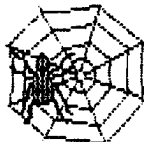
TROOP MOVEMENTS

French F DEN retreated to BAL. Austria built A BUD.

AUSTRIA: A Bud S A Tri, A Ser S A Tri, A Tri S A Ser, A Vie S A Tri,
FRANCE: A Bel-Ruh, [A Bur-Mun], A Edi H, A Rom-Tus, A Ruh-Kie, A Ven H, F Adr S F Ion, F Apu S A Ven, F Bal S A Ruh-Kie, F Cly-Nat, F Hol S A Ruh-Kie, [F Ion S F Adr], [F Nth-Den], F Tyn S F Ion;
GERMANY: NMR A Den H(u), [A Kie H](u, r-???), A Mun H(u), A Sev H(u), A Swe H(u), A Trl H(u), A Ukr H(u), F Nwg H(u), F Ska H(u);
TURKEY: A Gre-Bul, A Smy-Con, F Aeg-Gre, F Alb S F Aeg-Gre, F Con-Aeg, [F Eas-Ion].

Orders in brackets fail, otb = off the board, r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered. German A KIE is dislodged and must retreat either otb or to BER.

DEADLINE for Fall 1910 orders is 21 Oct 91.



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27 Oct 91

Fall 1910

NEW KAISER IN BERLIN!

CLIFFHOME--An obscure scion of Queen Vicky's line appears to be the only remaining heir of both the German and British thrones with guts (or lack of brains) enough to assume the throne of the so-called "Imperium" in the face of French assassination teams. The Imperium would unite all British and German lands under a single Crown, and eventually, God and the French willing, under a single Parliament. This could within a century effect peacefully what the French are trying to do now under force of arms--unite Europe. This is a dangerous concept. Sooner or later America would fall in line, and the world would be effectively united. The Chief Bug would disapprove, but given the looming prospect of French victory, it could at least buy us time. And time is what we're here to buy...

Meanwhile, the French are but two centers from victory.

EMBASSY BEAT

INSTANBUL--The Foreign Ministry announced today that all telephone communication is cut between the French government and the Turkish Empire. Several attempts to establish communication received an interesting beeping tone previously unknown to the Turkish operators. Communications with the Austrian Archduke Donald von Patrick were surprisingly successful. Speculation that the war has caused a cut in the telephone lines through SWI has not been confirmed.

BERLIN--A truce has been declared between Germany and Turkey. It is our wish that Austria will join us in beating back the French Cuirassiers as they were in 1809 at Marchfeld! The communist threat is dead, let us beat back the Imperialist French hordes! Unite against the common threat while we still have a round left in each rifle breach! Defeat the French, the sons of Napoleon will not pass!

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

INSATANTBULL DAILY--(Rumania) A concerted effort by Turkish intelligence has been unable to discover the whereabouts of Feldmarschall Martin von Cohn. The recent immobility of the German forces in SEV has been traced to the lack of orders from the German High Command.

Privately, German intelligence reported that the Feldmarschall was heard at a late night party despondently bemoaning the overwhelming responsibilities he must shoulder. Since that night the Feldmarschall has not been seen. However, a group of gypsy thespians have since left the capital but deny any knowledge of the Feldmarschall's whereabouts. Perhaps the world has lost a ruler but gained a crafter of the stage.

CLASSIFIEDS

For a better use for an old duck, see "Duck with Orange Sauce", p 97, Betty Crocker cookbook.

WANTED: A real challenge. -- Napoleon V.

Ready for the pulkas Harvey?



Go Minnesota! --JF

MOM! How could you?!? --Ms Nar

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the Cliffhome article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is obvious.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: It ain't over until it's over.

--Lawrence "Yogi" Berra

Wayne Morrison has rejoined the ranks of BORISers as the new German player. His address is: SMSGT Wayne Morrison, 4911-B Wyvern Terrace, Homestead AFB, FL 33039; (305) 258-3093. I'll be sending him a full roster with this issue.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

German A KIE retreated to BER.

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Vie, A Ser S A Tri, A Tri S A Vie-Trl, A Vie-Trl;
FRANCE: [A Bur-Mun], A Edi H, A Kie-Ber, A Ruh S F Hol-Kie, A Tus S A Ven, A Ven H, F Adr S F Ion, F Apu S F Ion, F Bal S A Kie-Ber, F Hol-Kie, [F Ion S F Adr], [F NAT-Nrg], [F Nth-Den], F Tyn S F Ion;
GERMANY: [A Ber S A Mun-Kie](r-???), [A Den S A Mun-Kie], [A Mun-Kie A Sev-Mos, A Swe-Nwy, A Trl-Pie, A Ukr-War, [F Nrg S F Ska-Nth], [F Ska-Nth];
TURKEY: A Bul-Rum, A Con-Smy, [F Aeg-Ion], F Alb S F Aeg-Ion, F Eas S F Aeg-Ion, F Gre S F Aeg-Ion.

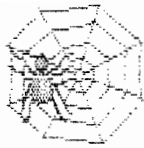
Orders in brackets fail, otb = off the board, r-??? = unit must either retreat or disband, u = unordered. German A BER may retreat otb or to PRU or SIL. If it retreats otb, Germany may not tear any units.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Vie, Ser, Tri	(4)	Even
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Lpl, Lon, Rom, Nap, Tun, Bel, Ven, Hol, Edi, +Ber, +Kie	(16)	Build 2
GER:	-Ber, -Kie, Nwy, Mun, Swe, StP, Mos, War, Den, Sev	(8)	Lose 1*
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Gre	(6)	Even

*If German A BER retreats otb, then Germany is even and may not tear.

DEADLINE for Spring 1911 orders is 25 Nov 91.



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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

26 Nov. 97

Spring 1911

GERMAN COUNTERS OCCUPIED

MINAS MORBUL--The situation is becoming wild and woolly as the BAT alliance finally gets its act together and develops a counterpunch. The French have occupied MUN and DEN and can easily regain VEN for the win, but they shouldn't be able to hold their booty. SEN especially calls to mind General Johnson's famous reply concerning mankind's other favorite indoor sport, "The pleasure is fleeting, and the position is ridiculous." The German raider in NII is a particular nuisance since it can attack a number of French centers.

EMBASSY BEAT

BUDAPEST--The Austrian Government issued a wartime decree banning all "blonde" jokes out of respect for their German allies. Blonde jokes, that is, jokes concerning the alleged lack of intelligence of golden-haired individuals, had been sweeping the nation as the latest humor craze. "Henceforth, all 'blonde' jokes shall be told as French jokes" read the official pronouncement. For example, the government-approved version of a popular joke would read as follows: Q: What are a pizza and three French women? A: Regular price, four bucks, four bucks, four bucks.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

INSTANTBULL EXPRESS (Constantinople): The Turkish army is rapidly sending reinforcements to help the beleaguered Germany forces. An army was dispatched through the Rumanian and Bulgarian territories to reach the Galacian mountains. The army has been instructed to help the Austrian and German allies in any way possible. Hopefully this effort will meet with success.

Meanwhile, back in the Mediterranean sea, the naval forces are again attacking the French fleets that have continued to block the peaceful movement of pilgrims to the Holy Land. The infidel will be obliterated.

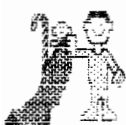
WASHINGTON POST: Rumors have been flying about Paris concerning a possible palace coup where the Marquis would depose the puppet God-King and assume total power. The specifics are vague, but the stories that have leaked out are unanimous on several points: 1) the God-King lost certain TOP SECRET documents in his briefcase, 2) Mar Marcie absconded with the briefcase, 3) the whole government was in a panic until it was recovered, and 4) the price for their recovery was steep.

CLASSIFIEDS

May the force be with us, or at least enough to do the job.

PUBLIC NOTICE: I'm to sorry for this game.

For sale: one sleigh. Slightly used. Capable of all weather flight. Especially adapted for arctic conditions. Best sale. Have bought new model sleigh. Call 1 800-SANTA.



BLOOD AND MILES

The Mission Police heard from Fama Fala (Landing) who told them about the author of "The Newspaper's" letter.

This season's recipients of the New Super-Blood, blood, are HHC Mando for providing with (yes!) classified documents and to Mr. God-Ving for leaving them at for her to have. Salutations.

SHORT STORIES

This being the last time before Christmas, Corio and Me Ner would like to extend holiday greetings to one and all. Let's all have a great 1997!

Thought for the Season: Between two groups of men that want to take inconsistent kinds of worlds I see no remedy except Corio. --It seems to me that every worldly exists on the death of one.

— Oliver Wendell Holmes

GROUP MOVEMENTS

German: A VEN retreated to FII. France sends A MAR and F BRE. Germany disbands A NOS.

AUSTRIA: A Ger S A L, A L S A F II, Fery, A Ger-Vin, A Vior-Ty,
FRANCE: A Ger L S Bar-Vin, A Lur-Vin, A Sal-Vin, A Har-Vin, A Pub-Vin,
Dor-Vin, A Lur S A Kar-Fie, LA Yan, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII,
FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII,
GERMANY: A Ger Swo, LA Mon-Vin, FII, A Nwy S A Ger-Vin, CA Fie S
AUS A FII-Vin, A SII S A FII-Vin, A Kar-Vin, FII, FII, FII,
TURKEY: A Fie-Vin, A Ger-Vin, A Ger-Vin, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII,
Ager-Vin, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII, FII,

Orders in brackets and, C = destroyed due to lack of legal retreat, etc = off the board, -FFF = with with either retreat or disband, or unordered. German A PUI must retreat either to ROM or off. French A VEN must retreat either to ROM or off.

DEADLINE for Fall 1997 orders is 31 Dec 91.



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29 Dec 91

Fall 1911

THE WAR IS OVER!

MURKWOOD--God-King Wormtongue's forces have recovered VEN and held onto their tenuous grip of MUN and DEN to achieve the 18-center victory condition. Kaiser Wayne never actualized F NTH's threat to four French centers. The hapless Habsburg attempt to push back the French Wave was doomed to fail. The Chief Bug's plan is in ruins; however we can take comfort in the certainty that this new French Empire, like Alexander's, will not outlive its founder by long--and we can make the God-Emperor's life as short as we wish....

EMBASSY BEAT

PARIS--The defense ministry confirmed the rumor that they are no longer giving the German conscripts any coffee breaks while they are on duty. It takes too long to retrain them. The ministry also announced that they had completed their analysis of a captured Austrian tank. The tank had perplexed our engineers because it had five gears--four in reverse and one in forward. Finally a captured Austrian soldier explained that the forward gear was in case they got attacked from the rear.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

DALLAS DEMOCRAT--The FBI today arrested the world-famous Big Time Wrestler "Sampson" for putting out an assassination (sic) contract on the Archduke of Austria. The contract specified that the Duke's jawbone be returned as proof that the deed was done. Sampson then intended to use the jawbone as part of his act. The investigation is continuing.

WALL STREET JOURNAL--Prices of defense-related stocks rose sharply as news of the French subjugation of Europe reached investors. Many, anticipating an armed showdown between America and the Fryling Empire sooner rather than later, expect Congress to sharply increase the War and Navy Departments budgets as only America and Japan are seen to stand in the way of French world conquest.

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JF to JS--I didn't want that dirty puddle anyway!

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BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the DALLAS DEMOCRAT article.

Due to an overdose of Yuletide cheer (hic!), there will be no Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb this season.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: Moneo ut quis quem vicerit occidet.
--Gladiator's Code, ca 100 AD



Congratulations to Jim Fryling on his win in what must be considered a classic campaign. Especial thanks to Jack Shacklett and Wayne Morrison for subbing and hanging in there to the bitter end.

Postgame statements are requested for the final issue of BORIS III from all participants. This last issue will contain such statements as are received, whatever builds and tears that might be tendered, a full transcript of the game for those who request one, and invitations for BORIS IV (and perhaps V, response permitting) to those qualifying.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

French A VEN retreated to ROM; German A MUN retreated to BOH.

AUSTRIA: A Ser S A Tri, A Tri S A Ven, [A Tr1 S A Ven], [A Ven H](d);
FRANCE: A Ber S A Mun, A Edi-Yor, A Mun H, [A Pie-Tr1], A Rom S A
Tus-Ven, A Ruh S A Mun, A Tus-Ven, F Adr S F Ion-Alb, F Apu S
A Tus-Ven, F Bal S A Ber, [F Den S F Kie], F Eng-Bel, F
Ion-Alb, F Kie S F Den, [F Nrg-Nth], F Tyn-Tun;
GERMANY: [A Boh-Mun], A Nwy S A Swe, A Pru H(u), A Sil S A Boh-Mun, A
Swe S F Ska-Den, [A War-Pru](nsu), [F Nth S F Ska-Den], [F
Ska-Den];
TURKEY: A Gal-Ukr, A Smy H, [F Alb S F Aeg-Ion](d), F Aeg-Ion, F Eas
S F Aeg-Ion, F Gre S F Aeg-Ion.

Orders in brackets fail, d = disbanded due to lack of valid retreat,
nsu = no such unit, u = unordered.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Vie, Ser, Tri	(4) Build 1*
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Lpl, Lon, Rom, Nap, Tun, Bel, Ven, Hol, Edi, Ber, Kie, +Den, +Mun	(18) WINS
GER:	Nwy, -Mun, Swe, StP, Mos, War, -Den, Sev	(6) Tear 1
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Gre	(6) Build 1*

* Due to annihilation

DEADLINE for Final Issue is 21 Jan 92.



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29 Jan 92

Winter 1911/12

FRENCH REIGN OF TERROR BEGINS!

CLIFFHOME--Vowing to make the French Revolutionaries look like amateurs, God-Emperor Wormtongue has begun his self-proclaimed "Galactic Overlordship" by ordering that every first-born male, man or beast, henceforth be named James and that every second-born male be named Allen. This is insufferable, the pinnacle of primate arrogance. Let's see how well the God-Emperor reacts to an invasion fleet of Arachnid warriors.

EMBASSY BEAT

CONSTANTINOPLE--The Sultan has entered a period of grief over the apparent success of the French abomination. The Sultan has called upon all the faithful to continue a momentous struggle against the lies and deceit of the infamous Wormtongue. The Sultan has also requested the learned Mullahs to find appropriate curses for the perfidious French.

DER REICH--The German Empire is at fault for the loss of Europe to the Frog Prince. We will rebuild and raise up from the ashes of the old. We suggest more Diplomacy can reverse the situation.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEW YORK TIMES--"Il Duce Speaks" Exiled Italian leader blames military loss on two-timing Turks and rotten Russians. Congratulations to Wormtongue for a game well-played.

CLASSIFIEDS

WAYNE--Congratulations, Jim on a well run scheme of DIPLOMACY and I hope we can meet across the table again.

For sale. Relics of the Prophet. Guaranteed to ward off all curses from disgruntled gamers. Inquire at Copper Alley, Incirlik, Turkey.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the "Relics" ad.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is France for lack of postgame statement.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: When it's all said and done, more was said than done.

